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Nature Made Accessible by Sippican Lands Trust Boardwalk

By Marilou Newell

Nature's ability to soothe the souls of humans has never been more needed than now. That point was sharpened when Alan Harris, president of the Sippican Lands Trust, spoke during the ceremonial ribbon-cutting event at its newest trail – the Osprey Marsh Universally Accessible Boardwalk on July 17. Harris spoke to a small group of donors and benefactors who had funded the construction of the 1,800-foot-long boardwalk from Point Road to the shores of Planting Island Cove. "At a time when we really need it, people who may have to use wheels, or feet, can access nature," he said with a smile in his voice.

The event was challenged by much needed heavy rains, but was simultaneously streamed via Zoom remote access for those unable to attend. The limitation on gatherings was also a factor in deciding to open the event up to a wider audience via internet connection. There were only a couple of technical difficulties to overcome, but the recorded event may be viewed on YouTube and on ORCTV.

SLT Executive Director Jim Bride thanked supporters, saying, "The osprey marsh is an important respite and a safe way for all to enjoy nature." He said that groundbreaking for the trail had taken place a year ago. He thanked contractor Stan Bradford, landscape designer Susannah Davis, and Sherman Briggs for his expertise and use of heavy construction equipment. Also on his list of those who helped the effort were the Marion Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, and the Community Preservation Committee. The latter of those boards supported a grant in the sum of $40,000 for the future construction of a pavilion at the trailhead, a sum approved by the voters at Town Meeting.

Yet it was the generous donation of 22-acres of undisturbed woodlands by the Howland family that made the project a reality. On hand to cut the ribbon was Mary Howland-Smoyer who, along with her siblings, made the decision to gift the land to SLT. Smoyer's cousin, Jonathan Howland, explained during a follow-up, "It was my cousin Mary and her siblings who donated the land." He went on saying, "You don't know how much pleasure it brings us to have this especially now."

Howland said that he has been a Sippican Lands Trust member for years and that as far back as 2014 the concept of having an accessible trail was being discussed. "It's an important asset for the community and shows the evolution of the Lands Trust," he said. "This project made the marshlands accessible to a broader segment of the population."

In a follow-up with Bride, he said that the SLT had borrowed $140,000 from their own endowment, money that Howland explained was to be paid back over five years. The group raised monies through private donations, and are still actively seeking funds to offset the

On the cover: *Despite a downpour perfectly timed for its planned gathering on Friday off Point Road in Marion, the Sippican Lands Trust celebrated the completion of the new Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk. Executive Director Jim Bride and president Alan Harris held a live Zoom meeting for those who could not attend, and some of the donors for the project assisted in the ribbon-cutting. The boardwalk is open by appointment. See story by Marilou Newell. Photo by Mick Colageo*

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construction costs which came in at $380,000. Bride also said that the SLT has to plan for long-term maintenance expenses of the boardwalk. To help with the financing he said that people can "buy a board" and have a plaque placed along the toe-rail of the wooden structure.

Howland also told *The Wanderer*, "The Japanese have a term known as 'forest washing.' It is the cleansing of one's spirit when embraced by nature. The Japanese term is *shinein-yoka* or forest bathing, the refreshment one receives by the sights, sounds, and smells of being outdoors in nature. Howland said of the boardwalk, "It's gratifying to see people with mobility issues enjoying the path; it's long enough to be a pleasurable experience."

Harry Norweb, a supporter of the boardwalk who was also on-hand for the ribbon cutting, shared his thoughts. "It's amazing the length and so well-built, you walk along and then suddenly you are looking at Planting Island Cove! … It was an amazing effort to get materials to the site; they worked closely with the Conservation Commission. Some materials were preassembled in Stan Bradford's shop and then schlepped over to the trail," he explained.

Norweb and his wife Pam promoted the concept to others and are now very happy to have the boardwalk as one of their neighbors. "A walk down the trail is wonderful in all seasons," he said.

Before the restrictions and guidelines mandated by the state due to COVID-19, recreational properties were open just about any time. Now with distancing understood as necessary, the narrow boardwalk doesn't easily lend itself to distancing. Bride said that people must now have an appointment to gain access to the boardwalk trail so that distancing can be maintained. Harris said that as many as 300 reservations had been requested since the trail was completed.

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Donors who supported the project include Howland-Smoyer, Jack and Nancy Braitmayer, David and Victoria Croll, Harry and Pam Norweb, Wick and Sloan Simmons, Sandria Parson, Mauk Hudig, Peter and Laurie Grauer, and Elizabeth Morse. Foundations also supporting the construction are Abington Bank, Arcadia Charitable Trust, The Bafflin Foundation, Fields Pond Foundation, and the Maurice and Anne Makepeace Family Foundation.

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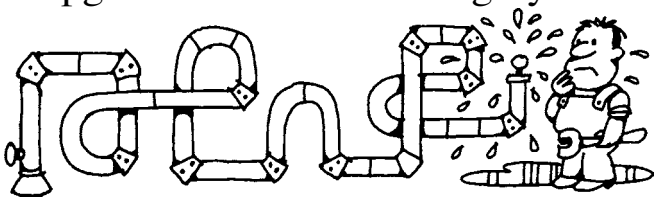
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Three Rescued after Sailboat Capsized off Bird Island

By Mick Colageo and Marilou Newell

A sailboat capsized on Monday southeast of Bird Island, located in Marion approximately a half-mile south of the Kittansett Club and Butler Point. Three people in the water were rescued, including a 78-year-old woman, a 49-year-old woman, and a 52-year-old man whose names were not released.

Both Marion and Mattapoisett harbormaster boats responded to separate 911 calls shortly after noon on July 20 and worked together to bring the boat and the people who had been in it to safety.

"The people in the water were able to get to their cell phone – initially they did – and then they lost their phone (before) a passer-by in a boat triggered the response from our patrol vessel," said Marion Deputy Harbormaster Adam Murphy. "The position was rather unclear. Southeast of Bird Island is a pretty large area... When we got around Bird Island, we saw the passer-by boat. It was too rough for them to attempt (a rescue)."

Both towns' harbormasters reported consistent waves of at least 4 feet, and Murphy said south-southwest winds reached 25-30 mph. Once on the scene, he spotted one person in the water and two people clinging to the bow of the capsized sailboat.

"Our plan was to drift downwind on them and put our patrol boat beside them. We timed the seas just right to (pull the people onto the harbormaster's boat)," said Murphy, who notified Marion Police and transported the people back to the dock. "All refused treatment and went back home."

The boat, described by Mattapoisett Harbormaster Jamie McIntosh as a 17.5-foot, Cape Cod Day Sailer style, launched from Mattapoisett.

"The conditions added to the reason why the boat capsized," said McIntosh, who brought the boat to Barden's Boat Yard in Marion.

When McIntosh overheard the 911 call from the passer-by at approximately 12:15 pm with information that a boat had capsized and with three in the water, Mattapoisett staffers dropped what they were doing

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and went out to assist Marion in the rescue effort. When they arrived, the occupants were out of the water so Mattapoisett assisted Marion in righting the capsized boat.

"We can't speak any more highly of their staff," said Murphy. "Their assistance was very valuable in this situation."

The incident followed closely on the heels of a similar misfortune in Marion seas, also involving a sailboat launched from Mattapoisett.

Murphy said a 60-foot sailboat had a sail stuck, resulting in wind doing damage in 5- to 6-foot seas. "We dealt with that for over two hours last Sunday (before we) got that sail down," he said. "It's been a pretty rough weekend as far as weather goes, and not too many people grow up around here... it's a real eye-opener. What ends up happening is, when you get out there, they'll sail a certain way to get out of a situation."

Waves that are too big coupled with strong winds can make the situation worse.

"Everyone's recreating, and it's showing," said Murphy. "People need to pay attention to the weather, that's the most important thing. And this end of the bay, particularly with the southwest wind, the majority of people respect it… when they're in trouble, they need to call 911."

Murphy said the GPS equipment is helpful, but he strongly recommends checking a local weather report before embarking.

Speaking to a Zoom meeting of the Marion Marine Resources Commission on Monday night, Murphy said, "A few people are going to call and say the Harbormaster's boat went screaming through the harbor. Yes, that was me, and yeah, we did do that, but there was a reason."

Modracek Offers His Town an Attractive Modification

By Mick Colageo

A 14-year-old artist with an eye for sports uniforms and flags, Owen Modracek wanted an answer to a question so he figured out a sure-fire way to get it: He

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drew up his own answer and presented it to his town.

"I wanted to see if there was a flag of Rochester," he said. "I only saw a flag that ended up being the flag of Rochester, but I didn't know that at the time so I decided to make a flag of Rochester in my free time."

So off to work he went with drafting pencils, colored pencils, and rulers, and made his refinements online (see image) before sending his design to town offices.

In her Town Administrator's Report to the Board of Selectmen during its July 8 meeting, Suzanne Szyndlar commended Modracek for his design and effort. The selectmen suggested it would be appropriate to look into the history of the town flag.

On Tuesday, Connie Eshbach and Susan LaFleur, members of both the town's Historical Commission and the Rochester Historical Society, looked at records dating back to the 1960s but without finding any reference to the flag. LaFleur said research will continue in an effort to unearth this piece of town history.

Modracek's design took an existing seal that is believed to be the product of a decades-old community contest. He accented the seal on either side with facing deer and strategically chose background colors to reflect on some of Rochester's identifying characteristics.

"The forest surrounds Rochester, and there's blue – we have a lot of ponds in Rochester – I also wanted the yellow because the yellow represents the cornfields and all the farms," he said, explaining that the red color is actually cranberry for the bogs around town. "Blue, green, and cranberry are state colors as well so I wanted to incorporate that."

A rising ninth-grader soon to change school buildings, Modracek has even tinkered with Old Rochester's sports uniforms.

"I think the football jerseys are nice. I don't think they should change their logo because their logo is really nice, but their soccer jerseys could use a little help," he said.

Owen plans to join his brother Matthew, a rising junior, in the ORR boys soccer program this year. Matthew was a junior-varsity player last fall.

Owen's art tends to confine itself to soccer uniforms, international and MLS, and also college basketball. His media rarely strays from colored pencils, but his younger sister Elise likes to paint. The parents are supportive of his art and, according to Owen, suggested

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"They've always liked everything I do," said Owen. "They know it's just a hobby. I don't want to pursue a job in art. I think I'm probably going to pursue something in biological science or architecture, something in that ballpark."

Dennehy IV Revisits Great-Grandfather's Old Stomping Grounds

By Mick Colageo

The greens weren't too fast and the moment wasn't too big for Raymond Dennehy IV, but the winds blowing on opening day of the Mass Amateur made his trip back to the Kittansett Club a puzzling one.

"I enjoy putting on fast greens. I don't enjoy wind. It's tricky," said Dennehy IV, whose two medal-play rounds of 7-over-par 78 left him out of the running for the match-play segment that continued later in the week.

The medal-play rounds were held on July 13 at Kittansett and July 14 at the Bay Club in Mattapoisett.

While 22-year-old Sudbury resident Matthew Organisak would emerge on July 17 as the champion of the event, Dennehy IV was a unique competitor. Not only did he play the Mass Amateur at age 17, the Princeton resident and rising senior at St. John's of Shrewsbury is the great-grandson of the late Raymond Dennehy, Kittansett's first teaching professional.

A statue memorializing the original Raymond Dennehy sits at the course on a rare replica of the Bobby Jones sundial that sits at Augusta National. Dennehy served as the Marion-based club's first pro from 1927 to 1973.

"He would have been oh, so proud of Raymond, and he really enjoyed Kittansett, working there and being there, and to have a relative embrace it such as he has, I think would be pretty cool," said Raymond Dennehy III, Raymond Dennehy IV's father.

Longtime local golf pro Greg Dennehy worked under his uncle, the original Raymond Dennehy, as assistant pro at Kittansett from 1958 to 1963. While Dennehy III never played at the level his son is playing at now, he said a passion for the game runs deep in the

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"My father (Raymond Dennehy II) grew up in Marion so there's a strong relationship," said Dennehy III, whose father played for Tabor Academy and Bowdoin College. "My dad – he's since passed – he was a very good golfer. Golf's a passion type of sport. I think my grandfather (Dennehy I) enjoyed teaching people and enjoyed it when they continued on."

That's what Raymond Dennehy IV continues to do even after rounds he'd like to forget. Instead, he learns from them, and improves.

"I went right back out the next day, worked on a couple of things. I had a little bit of a wide stance with my wedges that allowed inconsistencies," said Dennehy IV, who continued his busy summer of golf on July 15 at Oak Hill Country Club in Fitchburg where he is a member.

Playing the second round at the Bay Club, Dennehy IV failed to birdie a hole for the first time this year. He had made two birdies in the opening round at Kittansett, both of them two-putt birdies that could have been eagles on Nos. 15 and 18.

A couple of forgettable rounds failed to sour him on the experience, however.

Dennehy IV had made his first trip to Kittansett around age 10 "not to play, but to go there. I forgot what we were doing," he said, but there is another family photo of him as a 10-year old right where he was on July 13, checking out his great-grandfather's statue.

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The Dennehy family has kept a long-distance family membership, "so for the past four years I try to get down to Kittansett a lot – it's a day trip for me, two hours down, four hours of golf, and two hours back," said Dennehy IV. "I enjoy playing the course a lot. It's challenging, I think I played it six times prior to the Mass Amateur, and I got down there to prepare for it."

Only practice rounds didn't measure up to the real thing, as in the Stimpmeter.

"There was a big difference. I think a day before I went down there and played a quick practice round, with my dad and friends. The greens were so slow," he recalled.

Dennehy IV knew the tournament would be different, having talked to Kittansett pro John Tamburro and learning of plans to cut and double-roll the greens. The wind blew on especially on the No. 1-6 and 16-18 holes coming back toward the clubhouse.

Dennehy IV has a lot of golf yet to play this summer, and the downtime during the statewide shutdown of courses he turned into opportunity for personal training.

"I used to swing really hard at the ball and got a lot of distance," he said, estimating tee shots averaging 270 yards last year.

This year he's swinging with more control and hitting the ball significantly farther. Part of that is due to growth – Dennehy IV grew four inches over the last year and now stands 6 feet tall and weighs 154 pounds – and part of it is the product of his workouts.

"I worked in a lot of core (training). I gained 30 yards, I hit it like 300 now, 305," he estimates.

With a three-day tournament at end of the month and the Mass Junior Amateur to look forward to on August 3 at Cranberry Valley Golf Course in Harwich, Dennehy IV hopes his summer of swing culminates in a fall high school season.

"Hopefully my senior season happens and I get to play golf because our team has a good shot at winning states, a really good chance," he said.

College golf is likely for the future, and Dennehy IV is undecided on where to study for a career in business entrepreneurship or finance. The only thing he has ruled out is attending a college "where everyone gets in... I want to be challenged," he said.

"There's ups and downs in this game," said Dennehy III, his father. "Raymond, he's not afraid to practice. He spends a lot of time playing and practicing and spending a lot of time with his buddies talking about golf. He's all in."

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By George B. Emmons

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in Fairhaven, as darkness settled in along the coastline, giving them a dark background against which to shine brightly for the mating emanation of the annual season.

As a member of the Lampyridae insect family, the firefly is actually a beetle that burrows and hibernates in the ground for the winter, or daily behind the bark of a dead tree.

This iconic display of a reproductive orchestration of lighting, an earthly pyrotechnic display, is truly a ritual of signals to find a mate. The male begins with an attention-getting impulse for finding and courting a receptive female. He begins with four or five impulses and then waits for the same amount of time before repeating his inquiry. The coquettish female, playing hard

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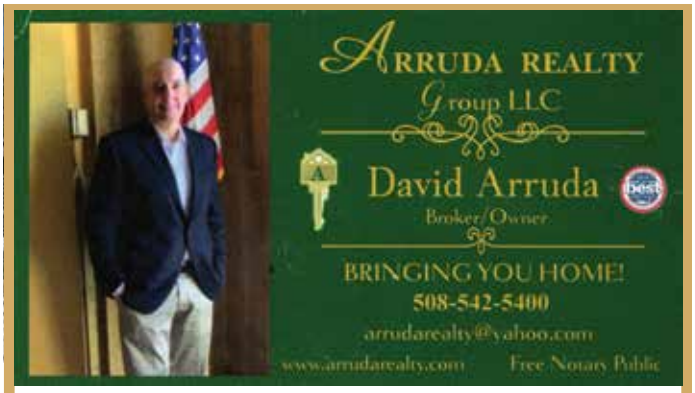
to get, waits in the grass before answering two or three replies and then waits a few more seconds before blinking back her acknowledged consent for reproduction.

As this romantic communication clearly indicates to members of the human race that love is in the air for fireflies, so Shakespeare in the year 1600 wrote his play inspired from personal observation entitled "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Taking his own poetic license from this scene, he portrayed the twilight image of dancing fireflies, indicating that love itself is an act of nature. His deduction in modern research seems to be supported in places like Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee, where all the fireflies there at one time seem to light up in waves, somehow orchestrated simultaneously as a command performance of natural conditions, all interacting together as a timely earthly force. Ah, the wonder of it all.

My illustration is from looking at the body of the firefly upside down, showing the lower abdomen where the energy for the glowing light is created by a network of fatty passages feeding oxygen through tissues that glow with a very bright, but also a very cool light, with no heat. From this remarkable incendiary, children incorrectly label them as lightning bugs or glowworms, collected in a glass jar to illuminate their bedroom at night, bright enough to read by. Similarly, in Japan, fireflies are collected to make a charming outdoor lantern, with each flame representing the spirit of a samurai warrior who died bravely in battle. Those that gave their lives honorably were honored in a paranormal memory that glowed in the dark.

Fireflies are very beneficial insects to have around. They don't bite, have no pincers, they don't attack, don't



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carry disease, and are not poisonous to humans. They contain luciferin and luciferase, two rare chemicals used in research in cancer, multiple sclerosis, cystic fibrosis, and heart disease. Their numbers are unfortunately on a serious decline because of light pollution in urban development and also building projects replacing traditional habitats. They are very nice in your garden by eating bugs and insect pests. Their presence in your back yards is a favorable bellwether of a healthy atmosphere.

May the mystical and magical firefly continue to light up our summer evenings with awareness of their true meaning and significance.

Lessons from Our Canine Friends

Schvitz'n with Norm

By Norm Meltzer

After a long-standing streak of living a petless existence, I recently joined the ranks of the dog people.

I had always favored a carefree life, without dependents, over that of unconditional love. Now I'm a proud dog owner with many of the behaviors that I used to make fun of. I smile at cute dog posts, and I can no longer listen to Sarah McLachlan music because of those gut-wrenching, ASPCA commercials. I'd like to think that I've evolved, but I'm probably just a hypocrite. But a hypocrite with standards. I still frown upon those who anthropomorphize their pets and bumper stickers that specify what particular dog breed is favored by a motorist.

As a recent convert, I'm not ready to elevate a dog's status or overstate the level of their abilities. They certainly exhibit signs of intelligence, and their cognitive abilities continue to impress us, but are we setting the bar too low? Sure, they're fantastic escape artists and adept at attaining things that are seemingly inaccessible, but you wouldn't want one performing surgery on you.

On the other hand, humans have split the atom and traveled to the moon and back, yet we're notoriously bad decision-makers. Maybe we're too smart for our own good or perhaps intelligence is overrated.

In any case, I screw up more on a daily basis than my dog (who is, by far, the cutest dog of all time). As humbling as it may be to take our lead from a lower order

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of species, we can learn a lot from dogs, particularly when it comes to exercise.

In my casual observations, I've found that my dog Nicu has certain practices that could benefit us two-legged overlords. His exceptionalism is no coincidence; he's named after a world champion weightlifter (Nicu Vlad). After all, to whom much is given, much is expected.

Nicu always stretches when transitioning from a lounging position to a migratory endeavor. His favorite go-to stretch is downward dog, and he does it almost every time unless someone accidentally steps on a squeaky toy. How many times do we cut corners and skip warmups to properly ready our bodies before a workout

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or game?

He's also very good about pacing himself. He has the unmistakable exuberance of a puppy, but he also knows when to take a self-imposed break. He chases a ball with fury but grabs a rest period every now and again, finds some shade, and recharges the batteries.

It may seem a little strange to segue into us humans overdoing it and not budgeting our energy when we have a significant obesity problem in this country, but it's a fair point. It applies to both the hardcore fanatics and the exercise-phobic who at times dip their toes in the water. We live in a country of extremes where people do too much or too little, with a small splinter group that does everything just right.

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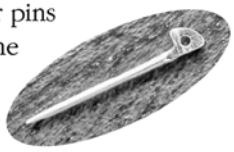
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One of the qualities of many high-performance athletes is the ability to play through pain. It's partly a tough-guy badge of honor, but it's also the ability to consciously override our body's built-in safety mechanisms. There are too many stories of heat-related fatalities while participating in sports and exercising in extreme conditions. Dizziness, nausea, and muscle cramps among other things are indicators that should not be ignored. Some athletes vying for a contract, trying to make a team or win a coach's respect will push through until their core temperature is in the red zone and sometimes too late for treatment.

If going into renal failure while practicing on a hot day isn't a scary-enough cautionary tale for you, there are even athletes such as swimmers who train themselves to resist the urge to breathe. Pushing the limits of breath-holding can be extremely dangerous and sometimes deadly, known in the aquatic world as shallow-water blackout. It's a fine-line between excessive motivation that shapes champions and misplaced determination that costs people their lives.

The idea of listening to your body gets tossed around a lot, and though it's not foolproof it's a good place to start. Our bodies usually warn us about things like heavy squats with crippling back pain and depriving the brain of oxygen, and they're usually right.

Nicu seems to be more in tune with his body than his human counterparts.

Dogs are natural pullers who live for a game of tug of war. Us humans are far more push-centric when we're in a weight room. A big bench press is a bragging-rights sort of exploit, but no one boasts about a heavy reverse fly or bent-over row. Most of our pulling muscles are posterior muscles of the body, which are often neglected. We tend to focus on our mirror muscles and overlook those that don't appear during our reflective-viewing disappointment, not to mention the unhealthy self-evaluation that follows.

Dogs seem less preoccupied with their appearance, which might explain why their workouts are more functional and less cosmetic. My dog is completely unfazed by a bad haircut, residual food stuck in his

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whiskers, or walking around with his ears turned inside out.

Like his namesake, Nicu has substantial strength-to-bodyweight ratio, but he also exhibits great flexibility. When grooming himself, he hits some spots that humans could only dream of, other than a few gymnasts. We should all be so well-rounded, but weight rooms are often fraught with one-trick ponies.

I'm not suggesting that we emulate dogs in every way. Incontinence during periods of excitement and fear of vacuum cleaners wouldn't be very helpful. But some of their behaviors make a lot of sense for their physical well-being. Not because they read it in a book or hired a personal trainer – or the vet told them so – but because they listen to their bodies. It's hardwired, and I'd like to think that we have some of that as well. Perhaps lost somewhere in the recesses of our overloaded brains and overly scheduled culture, that's become our manic reality where so many of us have crowded ourselves out of our own lives.

Nicu has a Zen-like appreciation of nature. Not only does he stop for recovery, but he also stops to smell the roses, among many other things. Dogs experience true bliss over the simple things in life, such as a family member returning home. They're unrelenting optimists, thinking that they're going for a walk every time you go near the door. They find great joy in the prospect of just going outside or for a car ride.

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More Water Coming from Wareham

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Mick Colageo

The Town of Rochester will be allowed an increase of 5,000 gallons per day in its intermunicipal Water Agreement with the Town of Wareham. Now the town's total allotment is 55,000 gallons per day. As Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar explained, the old agreement was modified to give Rochester 5,000 more gallons for future expansion.

The Rochester Board of Selectmen met on July 20 in a hybrid format that allowed the board members and administration to be present in town hall and any other attendees connecting via Zoom. But for the second straight time, online attendees had audio difficulties. According to Szyndlar, Town Counsel Blair Bailey had the same system working perfectly for Town Meeting at Rochester Memorial School, but Town Hall continues to pose audio complications.

Szyndlar provided *The Wanderer* with clarifications and missing information in a phone call Tuesday.

Providing the board with an update regarding Plymouth County CARES Act funding, Szyndlar said she is preparing a submission for a reimbursement of approximately $28,000 to cover non-budgeted, COVID-related expenditures dating back to June 30 through the end of FY20 (July 31).

Allotted $480,000, Rochester's student enrollment calculates out to an allowance of $225 per student, but since Rochester receives CARES Act funding through Plymouth County and not the state it is not limited to that number per student.

The town has to account not only for students in the Old Rochester School District but also residents attending Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School along with Bristol Aggie.

With the end Fiscal Year 2020 in sight (July 31), town administration is allowed to make appropriation transfers in between departments in the case of deficits or overages. To that end, Szyndlar provided the selectmen with a list of accounts that need money. The board approved the transfer of $28,465.24, an amount Szyndlar considered the least in years.

Selectman Woody Hartley said that each of the Tri-Town communities may have questions about the ORR School District agreement presented last week to the Board of Selectmen, and expressed an interest in having someone come in and explain changes to the agreement.

Szyndlar said she talked to new Superintendent of Schools, Mike Nelson, and said Nelson is waiting on the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for comments on the agreement. Szyndlar told the board that changes require Town Meeting vote.

Old Colony updated its agreement two years ago.

In other business, Boy Scouts Troop 31 was approved for the usage of the Pine Street facility for its requested dates of August 22-23 for its fundraiser.

Szyndlar reported to Chairman Paul Ciaburri that the Senior Work-off program had a total abatement of $20,000 for his signature.

Ciaburri thanked all town officials and boards, people at the Senior Center, and Andrew Daniel for their efforts keeping everything in order during the pandemic.

The selectmen approved a letter of thanks to George Landry for allowing Rochester to use his photo of Eastover Farms on the cover page of the Town of Rochester Annual Report 2019 that was distributed at the June 22 Town Meeting.

The board went into executive session, not to return, to discuss the potential purchase of real property.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is Monday, August 3, at 6:00 pm.

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Sidelined Master Plan Back on Track

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

During the July 20 meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board, the resumption of work on a forthcoming new Master Plan was discussed. Prior to January 2020, the board had engaged the services of Grant King, director of Comprehensive Planning and Housing for the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD). King met with a number of boards and committees, at which time he not only gleaned the interests of those groups with respect to issues of an aging population, transportation needs and access to services, but also outlined the process of developing a new Master Plan for the community.

In spite of concerns that a mass pandemic was coming, King continued to develop outlines for the town to consider and how to go about engaging greater public participation in the process. By March, everything came to a halt in terms of public meetings.

By now the Planning Board was ready to find out just what the next steps should be to breathe new life into this critical project. For King's part, a YouTube video had been developed to give the board members a sense of what was possible using the internet platform, and a draft of a new Master Plan had also been created with internet permissions granted only to the board members.

Chairman Tom Tucker expressed concern that

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imagery in the video only focused on the village area. "There's nothing north of 195," he said. Planning Board Administrator Mary Crain said she would discuss that with King as well as member Janice Robbins' concerns that the YouTube platform could display paid messaging not appropriate for the image of the town. There was discussion that a video could be developed in house and made accessible via ORCTV as opposed to YouTube.

Tucker also expressed his concern that while some 20 people throughout the town had expressed interest in being on a committee formed to develop a new Master Plan, nothing had been done since January. "I'm tired of waiting for SRPEDD," he said. Crain said that King was ready to put a press release out and that she would contact all who had previously shown an interest in the project to ascertain their current level of commitment. Crain also said she would create a meeting schedule for the project.

Zoning-bylaw modifications have also been pushed out and will not be part of the upcoming Town Meeting, Tucker said. Crain told the board that work on streamlining the flow of the document had been completed by their consultant, but changes to zoning bylaws had not been part of the project. Dovetailing into this topic was the drafting of a solar bylaw that the board has been working on. Member Robbins said the essence of the document was complete but fees remained undecided at this time. That bylaw will continue in development and remain on the Planning Board's agenda while language is completed. "There is a long way to go on this, too much for a remote meeting," stated Tucker. "There'll be one heck of a public hearing; a lot of people will want to weigh-in."

A new grant application for funds from the Massachusetts Department of Public Transportation Shared Use Shared Spaces program in the amount of $300,000 was also discussed. Speaking on behalf of Highway Surveyor Barry Denham was Town Administrator Mike Lorenco, who said that a grant had been applied for last week and if approved would be used to construct a sidewalk from the intersection of the bike path on Mattapoisett Neck Road to Route 6. Approximately 10 feet on the east side of the roadway would be impacted with rock and tree removal, he noted.

In a follow up with Denham, he said that the DOT was looking for projects that could begin immediately. "They want to stimulate the construction industry, but it's hard to be fast with the bidding process." He said the 27,000-foot sidewalk would link to the new sidewalk on Route 6 and was ripe for this type of grant, given that Old Hammondtown School is a mile away. Denham also said that, unlike other state-funded construction projects, this one would not incur costs to the town. "Fuss and O'Neill did the engineering work pro bono," he said. If the grant comes through, they will also do the design drawings, he added.

Earlier in the evening, the board heard from Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering regarding a Form A-Not-Required application filed by G. DaSilva and David Nicolosi for property located on Chapel Road. Madden said this was one of several lots that would eventually be developed as home sites. The request was unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for August 3 at 7:00 pm. Remote access details will be available at mattapoisett.net.

Hurricane Season Poses Potential Complications

Marion Board of Health

By Mick Colageo

A discussion resurfaced in Tuesday's remote access

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meeting of the Marion Board of Health regarding how to shelter residents during a natural disaster.

"We're supposedly going to have a bad hurricane season this year – who knows?" asked Chairperson Dr. Ed Hoffer, pointing toward the more accessible question about whether Sippican School can contain the number of people that might need shelter in such a situation, especially those requiring isolation due to COVID-19. Hoffer reported on a walkthrough, noting that some rooms have access to their own bathroom.

The alternative of local hotels or motels add cost but also eliminate the need for volunteers on site.

Sippican can quarantine in its smaller rooms, but, "If we end up with more than two or three families, there would be a problem," said Hoffer, who is also concerned about the age-related vulnerability of volunteers. "In many cases (they are) not people who ought to be involved dealing in COVID cases."

Member John Howard suggested recruiting new volunteers through various community institutions like area churches, Lockheed Martin, and Tabor Academy.

Health Director Dave Flaherty told the board he has a friend involved with Bridgewater's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) with an emergency-preparedness background going back to his days in the U.S. Army. "Very knowledgeable," said Flaherty, who suggested a Zoom meeting that could benefit the Board of Health in recruiting volunteers.

In his update, Flaherty said that all testing at the beaches has come back negative. He said that residents can call Plymouth County Mosquito at 781-585-5450 to get their yards fogged. The county has reported seven EEE-positive tests including five in Carver. Flaherty said Marion remains at a low-risk level for EEE and West Nile virus.

The board congratulated Flaherty on his recent election to the Massachusetts Environmental Health Association (MEHA) board.

Marion Health Nurse Kathy Downey reported five new communicable diseases in the last week, including two that were tickborne. There has been a 20 percent increase in COVID-19 testing, but all tests have

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come back negative. Marion residents, said Downey, can be part of the "Stop the Spread" campaign by getting tested in New Bedford at any one of eight sites at no charge. For more information, visit Mass.gov.

The CDC distributed new guidelines effective July 17, including a reduction in the number of isolation days required after positive tests. Until last weekend, people needed to improve for three days in a row without the aid of medicines like Tylenol, etc. Now it's 24 hours.

Downey also reported that she is working with Tabor on its reopen plan.

Hoffer reported four applicants to replace Downey, who will vacate her position on August 19. Hoffer told the board he will screen those applicants with Town Administrator Jay McGrail toward the end of this week and narrow down the field to two finalists to bring to the board for interviews.

The Board of Health will not be among Marion's boards/committees meeting live at the Music Hall. Despite the invitation and work done at the facility to ensure safe distancing, Hoffer, Howard, and fellow member Dot Brown all expressed preference to continue meeting on Zoom.

"Hopefully, until we don't need to worry so much about social distancing; we will continue to meet on Zoom," said Hoffer.

Hoffer beefed up an existing mission statement he had considered "woefully inadequate" to describe all that

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the Board of Health does, including a request from Brown to include surface waters on the list of things monitored. Town Manager Gil Hilario suggested the members visit the Harbormaster's page for further examples on how to improve their page's appearance and he would be happy to make requested improvements.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for July 27.

Gibbs Needs Special Permit for Sign

Marion Planning Board

By Matthew Donato

The Marion Planning Board facilitated a reorganization of the roles of its members in their remote access meeting held on July 20. The reorganization came after the June 26 reelection of Norm Hills, Eileen Marum, and Christopher Collings.

In their first meeting since the town election, Chairperson Will Saltonstall began by congratulating his fellow board members on their success in the recent election and moved quickly to determine who would fill the positions vital to the function of the board.

Members of the Marion Planning Board unanimously supported Saltonstall in continuing his role as chairperson. Andrew Daniel was nominated to continue his role as vice chairperson. Marum was chosen to continue her work as the clerk.

With the board's internal business settled, members moved on to address the sole public hearing brought to their attention.

Community member Dan Gibbs, owner of Gibbs Roofing, came before the board to present his idea to erect a sign advertising his business on property located at 459 Mill Street. Gibbs hopes that the advertisement will help boost public awareness of his business.

Saltonstall explained that the chosen property is designated as a limited industrial zone. Gibbs currently uses the property to store some of his vehicles and equipment for his business.

According to Saltonstall, the industrial designation does not permit any kind of commercial usage of the property. This means a special permit would be required for Gibbs to be allowed to construct the sign on the property.

"I encouraged Dan to come here," Saltonstall told the board. "I don't think a site plan is required to do this kind of work, but it does seem like a special permit is required by the Planning Board for this to continue."

Marum explained that she was concerned about where the sign would be positioned. Because the sign would be positioned close to the highly trafficked Route 6 in Marion, the sign could prevent dangers for drivers exiting Mill Street and entering the main road. With that, Marum expressed general support for the venture. "There is already signage in that area," Marum said. "I have nothing against signage, and I think it would enhance his business."

The board agreed that the project would have little to no negative impact provided the sign is positioned safely. With no impact on the natural environment and a potential social and economic value, the board encouraged Gibbs to put forth an application for a special permit.

Gibbs agreed to return in a formal application for the permit with a more detailed proposal demonstrating where the sign would be located in order to quiet any safety concerns surrounding the project.

The next Marion Planning Board meeting is set to be held remotely over the Zoom platform on August 3.

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Elite Stables Receive Special Permit

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Marilou Newell

The remote meeting on July 16 held by the Mattapoisett's Zoning Board of Appeals heard attorney Chris Saunders speaking on behalf of his client Steven Goodwin regarding a request for a Special Permit. Goodwin is the property owner of a large horse stable described by Saunders as "state of the art," situated on approximately 11-acres at 158 North Street.

Saunders said that the original Special Permit granted to Goodwin some years ago only authorized the boarding of seven horses, although the stable structure and surrounding grounds could easily accommodate more. Saunders said the business model, boarding horses and providing training to those horses and their owners exclusively, would not change. "It will not be open to the public," he said.

Instead, Saunders said that Goodwin, along with his daughter and son-in-law who would manage the operation, wants to increase the number of horses on the property to fully utilize the facility. While a hearing for a Special Permit was not necessarily required, Saunders said the Goodwins want to be good neighbors and avoid any future issues with the increase in the number of animals on the property. The proposal would add approximately seven or eight additional horses to the rooster. He said that one abutter to the stable said, "Horses make better neighbors than people."

Regarding the operation, Saunders also said that during the winter months the business would be shut-down. The managers would take horses to their Florida facility for the season and return again in the spring.

Director of Inspectional Services Andy Bobola said, "It is a state-of-the-art business. They have also contracted with a Rochester company to remove manure from the property. It's a win-win situation."

ZBA member Tony Tranfaglia said, "It complies with the right-to-farm provisions." The Special Permit was unanimously approved.

Also coming before the ZBA remotely was David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon, and Leone, representing Donald and Carol LaMarr in their application for a Special Permit for property located at 5 Tallman Street. The couple sought permission to 2,000-square-foot accessory garage. Davignon said the purpose of the garage is to store the applicant's boat and motor home and that the structure would be a metal building 14-feet in height and covering a space measuring 40 by 50 feet. Davignon said the applicant had spoken directly to each abutter, none of which opposed the project. In support of that assertion, a signed list of abutters was provided. The project received unanimous approval.

The last hearing of the evening was also represented by Davignon for clients Peter Guernsey

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and Erika Warmbrunn for property located at 13 Ridge Avenue. The couple proposed the construction of a second-floor addition to an existing home. The renovations also include a porch and side entry.

Davignon said the project met all setback requirements. ZBA member Colby Rottler said he was familiar with the home and its location and that, "… most of the homes in the area are two-story; this will fit in nicely." The Special Permit requested was unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals will be posted at mattapoisett.net once scheduled.

Less Is More in Case of SEMASS and Trees Surrounding Wires

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Matthew Donato

The Rochester Conservation Commission moved to resolve an outstanding public hearing related to a Notice of Intent application submitted by SEMASS Partnership in their remote meeting held on July 21.

The application was submitted after SEMASS Partnership carried out emergency tree trimming in order to protect overhead wires and fiberoptic cables that connect the SEMASS and Eversource switchyards. Upon their review of the application in the previous meeting, the Rochester Conservation Commission told Paul Shamoian, the representative for SEMASS, that a maintenance plan for the upkeep of the trees surrounding the site should be created.

Shamoian explained that since the previous meeting he had worked to create a new maintenance plan with SEMASS in order to guarantee that proper procedures would be followed in future tree trimming. "This is a proactive maintenance plan," Shamoian told commission members. "SEMASS will monitor the area for insect-infected and damaged trees around the wires."

The proposed plans would require semiannual inspections by SEMASS personnel to closely monitor the growth of trees around the wires. These inspections would prevent any kind of emergency tree cutting in the future and allow ample time for the commission to review any proposed tree trimming that might take place on the site. Each proposed trimming will be internally logged by SEMASS and follow guidelines that are currently used by Eversource to maintain the overhead wires that run on their property.

Chairman Michael Conway showed support for the proposal, but asked that a stipulation be added. His approval of the proposal was predicated on the condition that these semiannual reports conducted by SEMASS be submitted to the commission so it, too, can monitor the growth of the trees.

Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon advocated for the maintenance plans and commended the commission for asking SEMASS to develop the proposal. "The commission wisely recommended that SEMASS take advantage of the permit to cut all trees along the fiberoptic line," said Farinon. "It's not common that a conservation commission will advocate for cutting trees, but in this instance, they were ornamental trees doing more harm than good."

Shamoian agreed to provide the reports to the commission, so that it can monitor the site more closely. With that, the Rochester Conservation Commission voted to approve the maintenance plans.

Phil Cordeiro, representing Steen Realty and Developments, came before the Conservation Commission to provide updates to the proposed

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development on Cranberry Highway. Cordeiro has been working closely with Rochester's Review Engineer, Henry Nover.

"We have provided a response with our comments to the peer review conducted by Henry Nover," said Cordeiro. "At this point, the majority of notes relate to our groundwater analysis."

According to Cordeiro, there have been idiosyncrasies on the plans relating to the site's stormwater release basins and overflow areas. Though Nover did not have sufficient time to provide written feedback to the updated plans, he did convey that Cordeiro has been working to address his comments.

Even with his efforts, Cordeiro admitted to the

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commission that there is still a great deal of work to be done before the plans can move forward. The meeting on July 21 marked the fifth time that Steen Realty has met with the commission in relation to this proposed development.

The commission voted to continue this Notice of Intent filing until their meeting scheduled for August 18 to provide Cordeiro and Nover more time to work on resolving any conflicts they may have pertaining to the proposal.

Regarding a Notice of Intent filing from June 16, Greg Carey of Clean Engineering Collective provided updates to the commission relating to a solar-array development on Sarah Sherman Road. "Since our last meeting, we have made a number of changes to our plans as a result of feedback from the commission and from Agent Farinon," Carey told the commission.

The commission visited the proposed solar site last week in order to gain a clearer understanding of the proposal. Carey explained that the site visit was helpful and his updated plans increased buffer areas to the surrounding wetland areas to address commission concerns.

Steve Kohm, of Prime Engineering, who is working on the proposal, amended the plans to remain outside of the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone as much as the site could allow. In addition, his new plans drastically change the location of the equipment and transformer pads to be entirely outside of the buffer zone. Kohm further instructed test pits to be dug on the site to demonstrate where groundwater is located and confirm the soil types at the site.

The commission showed support for the plans, but Carey and Kohm are still facing delays. Their proposal will have to be approved by the Rochester Planning Board before their work can continue.

The commission voted to continue the Notice of Intent filed by Carey until their next meeting set to be held on August 3. The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting is set to be held remotely over the Zoom platform.

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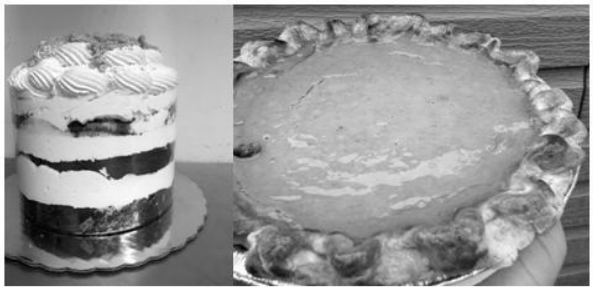
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Harbormaster Eyes 2021 for New Facility Approval

Marion Marine Resources Commission

By Mick Colageo

During Monday night's remote access meeting of the Marion Marine Resources Commission, member Peter Borsari reminded Harbormaster Isaac Perry to make sure any changes to the design of the department's soon-to-be-proposed new headquarters facility suit the needs of the staff, and the rest can be built around that.

"We need it to function," said Perry. "If it was a flat roof, I wouldn't care, but it's a great looking proposal."

Still in its conceptual stages, Perry reported to the

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commission that drawings by Tim Sawyer, the architect for the project, are available to view at the Harbormaster's office but are by no means a final draft.

Perry said there have been minor revisions to the roofline but no substantive changes. Tuning in on architectural details and seeking unofficial feedback, Perry told the commission it is just an architectural design at this point.

"We've really got to nail down the design. Every time you add a dormer to the roof, it changes the cost," he said.

Plans are due in October to keep a project timeline eligible to seek funding in the grant round scheduled for November. "That's kind of what we're shooting for," said Perry. "Not sure we'll make it, but there is another grant round in March, that's probably the best opportunity to put in for this project... November's the first opportunity, but I'm already geared toward March."

In his Harbormaster's Report to the commission, Perry said the beachgoers' trash mess has gotten "a little better" by going back to two, six-yard dumpsters. "Quite frankly, we're getting tired of picking up trash that's floating around because it will not fit in the dumpsters," he said.

Marion staff has found it mystifying as to why a larger dumpster is ignored while a significantly smaller one adjacent to it is overflowing, resulting in the trash

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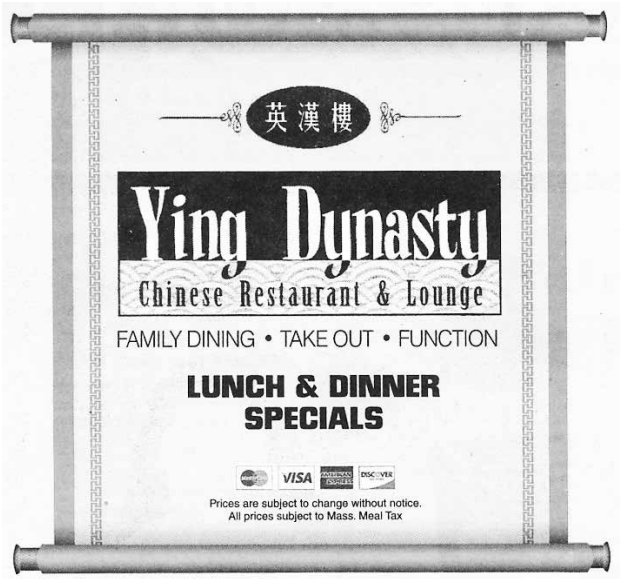

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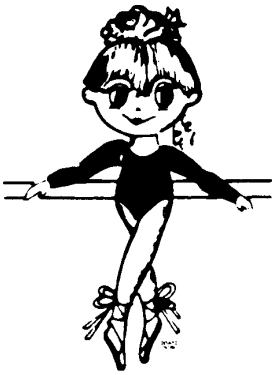

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Perry said that Board of Selectmen Chairperson Randy Parker and Town Administrator Jay McGrail are "well-aware" of the ongoing problem. "I'm hoping the two six-yarders will handle the amount of trash coming in," said Perry, with an expectation that video surveillance will help curb illegal dumping.

Perry says a security system like Mattapoisett's would give Marion surveillance, comparing it to standard home security systems priced under $1,000. It "gives us what we need," he said.

Commission member Michael Moore pointed out that the larger dumpster has a sign that reads, "No domestic trash" and asked if that plays a role in how the dumpsters are used by the public. Perry said that experimentation has proven that the dumpster requiring the least amount of inconvenience is the one people will use. He gave an example of a mattress inside the 10-yard dumpster, and Deputy Harbormaster Adam Murphy said a couch and deck was found in it on Monday.

Fines are "always a last resort," according to Perry. "It'll be somebody's kitchen remodel that we'll be looking for."

Marion has changed its pump-out procedures in wake of COVID-19, and the most significant aspect is that boat owners must now remove the cap.

"Whether a day before or an hour before... all we're trying to do it maximize the ventilation tanks," said Perry, noting the method has become a standard operating procedure in both Mattapoisett and Wareham. "There's been a little push-back, but people are getting it down now and realizing it's important to take the cap off before leaving the boat.

"It's sped up the whole process because you have a visual on where (the cap) is. I'm pretty happy with the way that's going," said Perry, who said he would like to pass any new regulations in face-to-face meetings where people can have "a nice open discussion" and "everyone gets to say their piece."

As COVID-19-related restrictions have been loosened during the summer, races at the Beverly Yacht Club are "going off without a hitch," according to Perry.

The Junior Regatta scheduled for mid-August has been scaled down to a local invitational format with approximately 40 competitors expected as opposed to the traditional 200.

Perry said Marion is no longer capable of hosting regattas at Island Wharf so he is working with Recreation Director Jody Dickerson on alternative locations. "We're not 100 percent (sure) if that's going to take place on town property just yet," said Perry, who is also discussing potential sites with the Fire Department and Beverly Yacht Club.

Public bathrooms have been locked up one side and labeled employees only, and the remaining public bathrooms are now unisex. Perry said the change has

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After two weekend calls resulting in two rescue operations saving five people, Murphy praised the work of Marion's and Mattapoisett's staff (see story on the capsized sailboat).

"A few people are going to call and say the Harbormaster's boat went screaming through the harbor. Yes, that was me and, yeah, we did do that, but there was a reason," he said.

In light of Amy Tamagini's kelp-farm pitch last week, the commission also discussed the need to create regulations for such farming and also the bacteria Vibrio that can poison seafood.

Perry traveled to Salem State University and returned with softshell clams that were successfully put out on Friday. "We've had a huge increase in recreational shellfishing. I'm excited about that," he said.

Open moorings are at a premium in the harbor, and Marion has a waiting list that will be filled once all the town's open moorings are cleaned up.

As chairman of the Bird Island Preservation Society, Perry reported having attended two meetings, in September and December of 2008. Recently, he recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the committee be dissolved. At its last meeting, Board of Selectmen Chairperson Randy Parker suggested the town look further into the matter before dissolving the committee. "Bird Island matters are always brought before the MRC," said Perry. "Through the whole restoration of the island... it was centered around the relighting of Bird Island."

The next meeting of the Marion Resources Commission is scheduled for August 17.

Priority on Plan for In-Person Return to School

ORR Joint School Committee / Superintendency Union #55

By Mick Colageo

New Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson made clear in his address to the Old Rochester Regional Joint School Committee / Superintendency Union #55 that no less attention will be given hybrid or remote-

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learning plans for return to school than what he says the commissioner of secondary education for the state is instructing: to prioritize an in-person return.

The school year like no other has become the summer like no other, as districts all over Massachusetts scramble in the dark while awaiting the guidelines that will ultimately decide how their children go back to school this fall.

In the meantime, individual districts have been told to have three plans formulated by July 31, when it is anticipated the state will have its say.

"There's a strong urging for school districts not to make a decision in terms of what model they plan on moving forward with until early August," said Nelson, speaking for the first time as superintendent of schools during the July 15, special, remote access meeting of the Joint School Committee. "I know that may seem daunting and ambiguous, but what I'm encouraging people to do is say, 'What do we know right now? What does the guidance say right now?' Thinking about the framework and the major themes within it, we really start planning for multiple options so that when, as we move forward and the summer marches on, we can make more concrete decisions with informed planning that has already taken place."

The immediate result is a building-based subcommittee that will meet on Wednesdays, and several derivative subcommittee groups that will report back on established priorities including facilities, food services, technology/remote learning, and medical safety.

Nelson said he planned the next day (July 16) on meeting with elementary school representatives in like roles, and anticipates "a long summer of numerous, numerous subcommittee meetings.

"Obviously this work is paramount and is something we must be doing right now," he said.

Internally, said Nelson, there have been meetings with the principals, Facilities Director Gene Jones, Food Service Director Jill Hennessey, school nurses, teachers, union presidents, school committee members, and administrators in an effort to create several plans based on alternate scenarios and potential, state-imposed guidelines.

Nelson reported that the state recently released a 32-page document outlining return-to-school guidelines and special education, but still called the current process, "planning for the unknown at this point."

Region-side member Tina Rood is neck-deep in the subcommittee, having come into the Joint School Committee meeting directly from the first meeting for the reopening of school.

After describing the building-based subcommittees that would meet at the high school and junior high, Rood made a pitch for help and was thrilled to learn that one of the Joint School Committee's newest members, Frances Kearns, brings key experience that at first will be directed toward facilities management.

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Kearns, who alluded to a prior meeting with Nelson, referred to her background in biomedical engineering and facilities risk assessment and offered to serve the subcommittee "as you need."

"Awesome," said Rood, as Nelson made sure the Joint School Committee understands the eagerness with which Kearns has offered her experience. As the point person in establishing subcommittees, Nelson confirmed he has already appointed Kearns to the Facilities Subcommittee group that is part of the building-based subcommittees.

"I was also thinking food service and health," said Rood, enthused over the addition of Kearns. "With that kind of background, that's awesome. Thank you so much, that sounds great."

While Rood anticipates several meetings per week over the next few weeks, meetings for entire ORR building-based subcommittees will be held on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm, and Rood said she expects those meetings will continue right into the school year as needs continue to materialize or as state guidelines are changed.

Transportation is among a number of issues yet to be addressed by the state, according to Rood.

At the start of the meeting, region-side Chairperson Cary Humphrey welcomed Kearns, who represents Mattapoisett, and Margaret McSweeny, representing Marion, to the Joint School Committee as newly elected members. Both expressed thanks, to which Humphrey replied, "We're excited to have you."

Also welcomed aboard after a break into and return from executive session was the vote to approve Howard Barber as the new assistant superintendent of finance and operations for the ORR School District.

Howard has over 12 years of school business administration experience, including town, city and regional experience. Nelson introduced him as a certified accountant and procurement officer, and a well-established officer within the Massachusetts Association of School Business Administrators who will be serving as the association's president for the 2020-21 academic year.

"We are extremely grateful to be welcoming him to our team and to start talking about a transition plan," said Nelson.

In a prepared statement, Barber told the meeting he is "looking to having some fantastic and some great opportunities not only over the short term but obviously also in the long term, and looking to build some great relationships with many of the individuals that I've had the opportunity over the last few weeks to speak to in individual meetings, in group sessions with respect to departments, site visits with respect to the principals, members of the various committees as well as even the bargaining groups.

"I'm extremely grateful to have this opportunity. I want to thank everyone for voting to get us into this great position to hopefully moving forward to a great and long relationship."

Nelson thanked members of the hiring committee, including Rood, who serves Rochester and ORR school committees, Mattapoisett Elementary School Principal Rose Bowman, ORR Junior High Principal Silas Coellner, Director of Human Resources Suzanna Cunningham, Marion and Joint School Committee member Nicole Daniel, ORR Director of Facilities Gene Jones, new Mattapoisett School Committee member Carly Lavin, Mattapoisett Town Administrator Mike Lorenco, Marion Assistant Town Administrator Judy Mooney, and Rochester Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar.

Union-side Chairperson Shannon Finning recognized the meeting, albeit a specially scheduled one, as Nelson's first in his new job as superintendent and expressed appreciation for his leadership thus far in the building of the team that will lead the ORR School District into its next era.

Nelson also broached the topic of racism in schools and discussed the Zoom meeting recently held by the Joint School Committee with representatives from Tritown Against Racism.

"I thought it was a very candid, respectful and open conversation and the beginning of hopefully a partnership in terms of moving forward to being actively anti-racist school community," he said. "Since that meeting, I reached out to the three leaders just to thank them for being part of the solution and supporting and collaborating with us moving forward. We did set up a virtual meeting that just occurred the last week or two where we just had more conversation in terms of just getting to know each other, learning about what they're doing from an agency standpoint and then sharing what we're doing from a school district standpoint. We did make an agreement to communicate on a bi-monthly basis and as needed. Then I shared with them that one of our main priorities right now is to focus and examine what our current policies are and what are currently policies are not. Typically or historically, we have not met in the summer for policy meetings, but we did set a policy subcommittee meeting... for August 11. That is a public meeting. I have consulted with the school district's legal team, sharing our vision to do this review of our policies and what policies we may need, but I think it's an important next step to guide our work moving forward in the short term and the long term."

On behalf of his business, Humphrey donated 1,000 facemasks to the school district. Region-side member Jim Muse made a motion that the committee "gratefully accept" the donation.

"I have to thank the owner of our company… for doing this," said Humphrey. "It's a challenge we're going to have to face as a school district, and I'm hoping other businesses are going to jump behind this because – of course we don't know what's going to happen in the next two months, but we have to be prepared for whatever."

Young Golfers' Amateur Reflects on Ressie's Successful Return

Sports Roundup

By Nick Friar

Monday was a big step in the golf career of 13-year-old Westwood native Gunther Guleserian. The Blue Hill Country Club member took part in his third Massachusetts Young Golfers' Amateur hosted at Reservation Golf Club in Mattapoisett.

Guleserian beat out Matthew Oliveira (Allendale Country Club) and Aarav Lavu (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association entry) by three points in the Stableford scoring event, logging 34 points on 72 strokes.

"I spent a good amount of time preparing for the tournament; really wanted to give myself a chance to win," Guleserian said. "After I birdied the first hole… I tried to keep doing great on the rest of the holes."

Despite only shooting 3 over par on the day, Reservation Golf Club managed to challenge the young champion at various points throughout the tournament.

"Holes 5, 9, and 18 were pretty difficult because of the road," Guleserian said. "You really had to make sure your tee shot was straight because out of bounds is right and left out of the fairway."

Even though Guleserian was the biggest winner of all at Monday's event, it was yet another big day for Mass Golf.

Although things were delayed due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, Mass Golf was ready to follow through with events in the middle of June once the government gave courses the green light.

"That kicked off our year from a competitive golf standpoint, and just looked a little bit different," Mass Golf CEO and Executive Director Jesse Menachem said. "You know, we had to prepare a little bit differently and go to the 'nth' degree to make sure players and volunteers and club personnel were staying safe and then all the state guidelines were being followed.

"From an event standpoint, (the numbers) have been either similar or better. We're seeing just a ton of growth, a ton of interest in day-to-day play. Our courses are seeing a pretty healthy surge, and for us with score posting the last few months have been impressive. And that's a trend we're seeing all over the country.

Mass Golf has used Reservation in the past and indicates it will continue to do so.

"We've had a couple of events here — I think one-day qualifiers in the last two years, but this is a great championship to bring here," Menachem said. "The facility, the community here. Everybody embraces it, and they want to show off what they've done."

Club president Rich Daprato wasn't looking to display his staff's hard work with this event, but it was a chance to show off what it can do because of business maneuvers made early in the coronavirus shutdown and thanks to the club's loyal community that showed faith in Daprato and other decision-makers.

"The Reservation membership deserves all of the credit for keeping us afloat. That's a fact," Daprato said. "Now, the board of directors and some of our managers, we've worked hard, as well. But the credit should really go to the membership because they could've made this difficult."

Reservation Golf Club's membership has even grown a bit since the commonwealth permitted the play of golf again. Although the course is not allowed to fill its dining area to full capacity — same as any restaurant in the state — the course is regularly filled with players and signs point to more of the same, whether it's casual play or events like the Massachusetts Young Golfers' Amateur.

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Academic Achievements

Tyler Halsey of Mattapoisett was among the graduates honored by UMass Lowell's 2020 Commencement on Friday, May 29.

The following students were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the spring 2020 semester:

From Marion; **Marisa Cofone, Sophia Rose Cofone, Jacob Dorothy, Nicole Wu Sha Fantoni, Aibhlin Christine Fitzpatrick, William Riley Garcia, Ian Keith Glavin, Lauren Elizabeth Gonsalves, Hannah Elizabeth Guard, Daniel Yunhui Hartley, Joshua Michael Lerman, Andrew J Riggi, Alissya C Silva,** and **Benjamin Marshall Snow**. From Mattapoisett; **Samantha Lynn Ball, Colleen D Beatriz, Andrew David Bichsel, Danya Hildreth Bichsel, Louis Depace, Aidan Patrick Downey, Megan McGregor Field, Abigail Sarah Horan, Eryn Elizabeth Horan, Kara Lucero Jackivicz, Samantha Leann Kirkham, Victoria Lynne Kvilhaug, Jordan McArdle, Carly Angel O'Connell, Jahn A Pothier Jr,** and **Alexander Michael Wurl.** From Rochester; **Haley Aguiar, Erin Patricia Burke, Laura Elizabeth Casey, Hunter R Cooney, Celia Grace Deverix, Arissa Francis, Sydney Elizabeth Green, Genevieve Maria Grignetti, Amelia Ann Isabelle, Alisha Corinne Mackin, Haily Saccone, Olivia Victoria Taber, Jake Robert Thompson, Kurt Arthur Thompson,** and **Raymond Walter Williams.**

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

Victor Morrison is among the 2020 Gold Key Honor Society Inductees. Morrison, of Rochester, a Writing, Lit and Pub: Publishing major, is a member of the Emerson College Class of 2019. The Gold Key Honor Society is an interdisciplinary organization founded at Emerson College to recognize and encourage outstanding academic achievement. Membership in the Society is extended to juniors in the top 5 percent and seniors in the top 10 percent of their class who have earned at least 48 credits at Emerson.

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, **July 27**: BBQ pork rib, au gratin potatoes, chuckwagon corn, hamburger roll, banana
Tuesday, **July 28**: Meatloaf with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, whole wheat bread, pineapple
Wednesday, **July 29**: Sausage with peppers and onions, pasta alfredo with portobellos, sub roll, birthday cake, diet: low sugar cake
Thursday, **July 30**: Spinach and cheese omelet, hash browns, zucchini and tomato, fruit loaf, Mandarin oranges
Friday, **July 31**: Broccoli and cheese stuffed chicken, Spanish rice, Mexicali corn, whole wheat bread, pineapple

Farm to Family Produce Boxes Available

Old Rochester Regional School District partnered with the USDA is providing Farm to Family produce boxes for any tri-town resident throughout the summer. These boxes will consist of fruits and vegetables and can

OBITUARIES

Linda J. (Robert) Canty, age 72, of Wareham passed away peacefully on Monday, July 13, 2020 after a long illness at All American Assisted Living. She was the daughter of the late Anita and Leo Robert of Fairhaven and New Bedford and the widow of the late James T. Canty.

Born in Acushnet, Linda lived most of her life in Fairhaven and Sandwich before moving to Rochester and then Wareham. She graduated in 1965 from Fairhaven High School. She was employed by Sears in Hyannis holding many positions, worked as a receptionist for Valor Inc. and in the bakery at Stop & Shop. She enjoyed the Red Sox and going to Foxwoods and loved bowling as well as cooking.

She was the caregiver for her disabled husband Jim, her disabled brother Eugene as well as her mother Anita and sister Elaine Robert, when needed.

She is survived by her loving daughter Michelle Lavoie and her companion Brian Rego of Wareham, her brothers Leo Robert and his wife Rita of State College PA and Eugene Robert of Fairhaven.

Private arrangements are in the care of Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, MA 02745. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to the Alzheimers Association, P.O. Box 96011 Washington, DC 20090. www.alzmass.org

For on-line tributes, please visit our website at: www.rock-funeral home.com

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be picked up at ORR High School on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 am while supplies last.

Sippican Historical Society

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. Over 100 were cataloged and photographed. SHS will feature one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

This week we feature 12 Cross Neck Road. The Shingle-style residence at 12 Cross Neck Road was built for, and probably by, the carpenter Thomas Hartigan before 1903. Hartigan's widow lived here until at least 1916.

Taste of Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is holding the "Taste of Mattapoisett" differently this year. We are featuring one of our restaurants each week. Starting Thursday, **July 23** through Saturday, **July 25,** we are supporting Oxford Creamery. They are open from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm each day. Please call and place an order, or you may walk up to the window: 508-758-3847. There is some outdoor seating available. These partners have been continued supporters of MWC Scholarship program for years and we look forward to their continuing support.

On the Third week the Mattapoisett Woman's Club is featuring Tastebuds Restaurant. Starting Sunday, **July 26** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm through Saturday, **August 1** from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Tastebuds has been a supporter of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club Scholarship Fund for many years and we are asking that you support them in these difficult times. They have takeout and reservation only with outdoor seating: call 508-758-8524.

Go to Mattapoisettwomansclub.org for more info.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, next to the Town Beach in Mattapoisett, will have 8:00 am services **July 26** with The Rev. Marc Eames, Rector, The Church of the Advent, Medfield, MA. Masks are required and all other safety precautions will be in place at the church. All are welcome!

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Marion Natural History Museum Reopening

Beginning the week of **July 27**, the Marion Natural History Museum is ready for a limited reopening. In order to meet state and local board of health safety recommendations, the Museum will be following these guidelines:

Access to the museum is by appointment only. Please contact the Director at Director@marionmuseum.org to schedule a time to visit. Health screening forms must be filled out and submitted by an adult on behalf of each visitor prior to receiving an appointment to visit the museum. Forms are available at www.marionmuseum.org

Masks are to be worn by visitors and staff at all times while in the building. All equipment surfaces

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Thursday July 23, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
9:32 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Health Source
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Lucy's Big Beautiful World of Painting
11:30 AM The Art of Being Human
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM The Chundria Show
3:30 PM Books and the World
4:00 PM Registers Report
4:30 PM Arts Alive
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:39 PM Call to Action COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Mr. Scammer
7:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
8:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
9:00 PM Science 360
9:30 PM Money Matters TV
10:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Friday July 24, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Seniors on the Move
9:00 AM Mattapoisett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke
10:07 AM Health Source
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Recovery Fitness
11:30 AM The Art of Being Human
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Cape Conversations
3:00 PM Mr. Scammer
4:00 PM Reel Smaht
5:00 PM In the Toy Box
5:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:49 PM Call to Action COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Stop My Crisis
7:00 PM The Chundria Show
8:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
8:30 PM Gay USA
9:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday July 25, 2020
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM What's New? Massachusetts
9:30 AM Perils for Pedestrians
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV
11:30 AM Off the Shelf
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Mr. Scammer
3:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
4:00 PM Let's Talk Business
5:00 PM The World Fusion Show
5:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:49 PM Call to Action COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The Chundria Show
7:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
8:30 PM The Chico and Bman Show
9:00 PM Money Matters TV
9:30 PM Registers Report
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday July 26, 2020
6:00 AM Veterans Voice
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM Health Source
10:30 AM The Art of Being Human
11:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM The Chundria Show
3:30 PM Off the Shelf
4:00 PM Mr. Scammer
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:39 PM Call to Action COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
7:30 PM The Chico and Bman Show
8:00 PM Perils for Pedestrians
8:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
9:30 PM Ghost Chronicles
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Monday July 27, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Seniors on the Move
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
9:32 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Health Talk
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM The Art of Being Human
11:30 AM Lucy's Big Beautiful World of Painting
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM The Chundria Show
3:30 PM Cape Conversations
4:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
4:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:39 PM Call to Action COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Money Matters TV
7:02 PM Southcoast Matters TV
7:30 PM Stop My Crisis
8:00 PM Off the Shelf
8:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
9:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday July 28, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Seniors on the Move
9:00 AM Mattapoisett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke
10:07 AM Learning Music with Pat
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Recovery Fitness
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:00 PM The Chico and Bman Show
3:30 PM Reel Smaht
4:00 PM Massachusetts Commencement 2020
4:30 PM Mr. Scammer
5:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Money Matters TV
7:00 PM Books and the World
7:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
8:30 PM Science 360
9:00 PM Stop My Crisis
9:30 PM Gay USA
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday July 29, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM The Art of Tai Chi
8:30 AM The Art of Being Human
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
9:32 AM Health Source
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV
11:30 AM Let's Talk Business
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Mr. Scammer
3:30 PM Books and the World
4:00 PM Arts Alive
4:30 PM The Chundria Show
5:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:00 PM Science 360
8:30 PM Gay USA
9:30 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Board of Health - July 7, 2020
8:03 AM Marion Conservation Commission - July 8, 2020
9:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission - July 24, 2020
11:00 AM Marion Annual Town Meeting - June 22, 2020
2:36 PM Marion Board of Selectman - June 29, 2020
2:47 PM Marion Finance Committee - June 24, 2020
3:30 PM Marion Board of Health - July 7, 2020
4:33 PM Marion Conservation Commission - July 8, 2020
6:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission - July 24, 2020
7:30 PM Marion Annual Town Meeting - June 22, 2020
11:06 PM Marion Board of Selectman - June 29, 2020
11:17 PM Marion Finance Committee - June 24, 2020

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - June 7, 2020
8:38 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - June 24, 2020
9:10 AM Rochester Planning Board - June 23, 2020
11:00 AM Rochester Annual Town Meeting - June 22, 2020
12:04 PM ORR School Committee - June 17, 2020
2:13 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - June 16, 2020
3:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - June 7, 2020
5:08 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - June 24, 2020
5:40 PM Rochester Planning Board - June 23, 2020
7:30 PM Rochester Annual Town Meeting - June 22, 2020
8:34 PM ORR School Committee - June 17, 2020
10:43 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - June 16, 2020

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:40 AM OCTV Online
7:45 AM Rochester Middle School Graduation 2020
8:30 AM Massachusetts Commencement 2020
9:00 AM Mattapoisett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke
10:07 AM Marion Natural History Museum - Rain Gutter Regatta
10:30 AM Mrs. Lamoureaux Retirement Tribute
11:14 AM Mrs. Kelleher Retirement Tribute
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:40 PM Sippican School 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
1:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Value of Native Plants
2:00 PM Old Hammondtown School Graduation 2020
3:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
3:30 PM Massachusetts Commencement 2020
4:00 PM Sippican Talent Show 2020
4:32 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Rock Hound Presentation
5:34 PM Old Colony Excellence in Effort 2019-2020
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:40 PM OCTV Online
6:45 PM Rochester Middle School Graduation 2020
7:32 PM Mrs. Lamoureaux Retirement Tribute
8:16 PM Mrs. Kelleher Retirement Tribute
9:00 PM Old Hammondtown School Graduation 2020
10:00 PM Massachusetts Commencement 2020
10:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Value of Native Plants
11:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update

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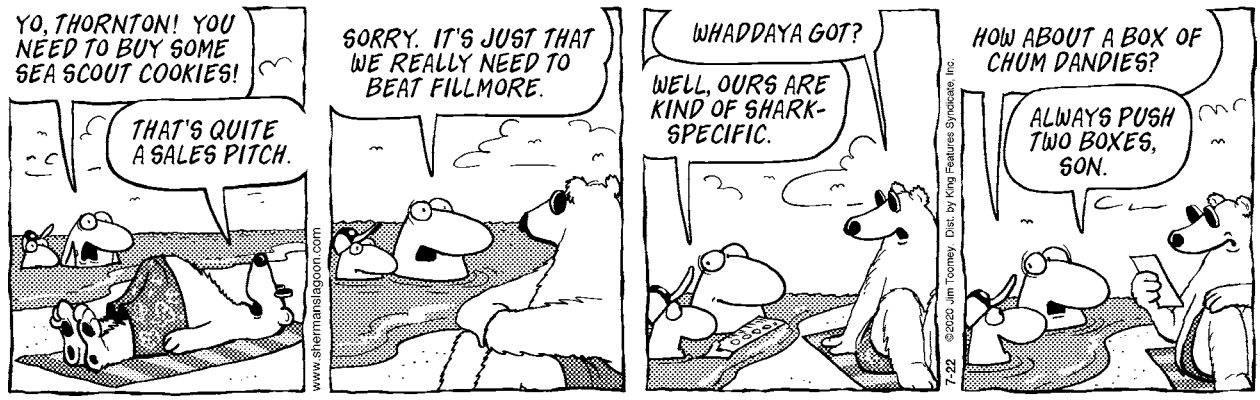

to be cleaned with disinfectant immediately after each participant's use.

The building we share with the library will remain closed. Therefore, the Museum Director will to be present to assist with defined travel routes through the building to the museum. Access to the museum is limited to individuals or one family at a time. Hand sanitizer will be available outside the museum and near display areas.

What is available at the museum:

The displays of Native American artifacts, rocks, minerals, butterflies, nature-based artwork from local artists, Bird Island display, birds nests and eggs, examples of scrimshaw and the birds of prey cabinet.

Use of virtual reality set is by appointment only and limited to one person in the area at a time. The entire area will be wiped down with sanitizer before and after each use.

Use of microscopes is available by appointment only and restricted to one person at a time. The entire area will be wiped down with sanitizer before and after each use.

Unfortunately, for the time being, there will be no access to the following touch display areas: Lego table, soil tunnel, puppet theater, dollhouse, touch box, any other touch displays.

If you'd like to schedule a visit to the museum, please contact the Museum Director at Director@Marionmuseum.org.

MARION COMMERCIAL SPACE

Spacious and well-maintained commercial office space located in Marion's Old Landing condominium complex. This 2,925 square foot first floor condominium is comprised of three units that include 9 offices, 3 bathrooms, outdoor deck space, and an open and bright conference room with cathedral ceiling, gas fireplace, separate entrance and kitchenette. Also with central air conditioning, generator, alarm system, and on-site parking. Old Landing is a well-established association made up of a multitude other professionals, making this the ideal place for your business needs.

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Undercover Vice: Strapped for Danger Part II. **Starring Sean Brown and Chris Fisher. Directed by Richard Griffin. Running time: 88 minutes. No MPAA rating. Premiering on Facebook on July 31.**

At a moment when protesters are being taken away in unmarked vans by feds in camo, it's a goofy relief to see cops doing nothing more terrible than posing as gay porn actors in *Undercover Vice: Strapped for Danger Part II.* In the world of Rhode Island director Richard Griffin (*Before the Night Is Over*), sex levels everything; sex makes everyone ridiculous but also hot. Griffin's latest is no different. Don't be thrown by the tongue-in-cheek subtitle: although it shares one character, Piñata Debris, played by drag queen Ninny Nothin, it's more a spiritual than literal sequel to Griffin's 2017 *Strapped for Danger*. So *Undercover Vice* can be watched and enjoyed without having seen the earlier film, though I recommend both.

I'm not even sure if Piñata is the same character (in the first film she was a hostess at a strip club, here she directs gay porn) — more like the same fact of life, the genderfluid constant catering to ticklish and giggly impulses. Ninny Nothin (aka Johnny Sederquist) embodies either/or, neither/nor, the Venn diagram of male/female/gay/straight. Drag queens aren't just camp denigrations of women any more (if they ever were, or at least if done disrespectfully). Griffin loves women, though — he wants to show them being happy and funny and ludicrous. So the movie isn't entirely taken over by sweaty testosterone; Griffin brings in ringers like Sarah Reed, Samantha Acampora, and Victoria Paradis and encourages them to go huge.

Reed's and Acampora's big sex scenes are completely about what makes a woman hum — forget the males who happen to be physically facilitating it. (Fantasizing aloud, and loudly, Acampora's character — a cop's soon-to-be-fiancée — essentially gives us an imaginary sex scene overlaying the one we're watching, which links this film with one of the few films to pull this off successfully, David Cronenberg's *Crash*.) *Undercover Vice*, written (like *Strapped for Danger*) by Duncan Pflaster, concerns two detectives — sorta straight but bicurious Andy (Sean Brown) and damn straight Kevin (Chris Fisher) — who are ordered by their chief (the splenetic Paradis) to go undercover as gay-porn actors to infiltrate a blackmail organization. Griffin enjoys playing in the very small sandbox of this sub-subgenre of cops going undercover gay, which in the past has yielded such disparate efforts as *Cruising* (1980), *Partners* (1982), and Cronenberg's *Naked Lunch* (1991). Ultimately those movies failed or hardly tried to do what Griffin does, which is to use the trope to show straight folks how it feels to have to play-act as another sexuality to survive.

But Griffin isn't here to lecture us (not in a movie with that title); as usual with his comedies, he just wants to throw a party and invite everyone — and he *will* have dancing, dammit, even if it means a random Bollywood what-the-hell-was-*that* scene. (It's like that joke about Christians fearing that sex leads to dancing.) We get to know the "criminal" porn actors (Alec Farquharson, Ricky Irizarry, Anthony Rainville), who all have their own quirks and kindnesses. The bad guys, if anyone, are the police chief and her two hee-hawing minions, who think the detectives being forced to be gay for pay is the funniest thing in world history. Griffin also knows that stories about cops going undercover — being actors — allow for some nice character shading. Does the cop come to feel bad about busting his new companions? If so, why? If not, why not? These stories can get to the very heart of identity and its discontents, and we ruminate upon that, and then an ass gets spanked. That's the Griffin touch.

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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Museum

By Connie Eshbach

As Major League Baseball attempts a season start amid the pandemic, sports writers have spent a lot of ink on how the game has lost its number one national sports ranking. However, if we look back to the 1920s-40s, there was no question about baseball being number one in the hearts and minds of the Southcoast. While people definitely followed the Red Sox, many towns during this

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TriTown Happenings

Despite a downpour perfectly timed for its planned gathering on Friday off Point Road in Marion, the Sippican Lands Trust celebrated the completion of the new Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk. Executive Director Jim Bride and president Alan Harris held a live Zoom meeting for those who could not attend, and some of the donors for the project assisted in the ribbon-cutting. The boardwalk is open by appointment. See story by Marilou Newell. Photos by Mick Colageo

Backyard deer on Point Road. – Robert Pina

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

time period had their own teams that competed against area opponents in both home and away games. These games attracted large crowds and were must-see events when certain rivals came to town.

William (Bill) Watling Sr. was an excellent athlete in several sports at New Bedford High School. Prior to World War II, he played semi-pro baseball in Canada. He was said to be one of the best players to ever come out of New Bedford. For years, people who watched him play or played against him told stories of his prowess. However, even though he moved to Rochester after marrying Louise Hartley and became an integral part of the community, in the days of the town teams, he was an opponent of Rochester.

In 1993, *The Sentinel* Newspaper interviewed Leo Lizotte and his wife, Edith for an article headlined "When Baseball Was King". Lizotte was a member of the

Rochester town team, which he said was "the stuff that legends were made of". According to Leo, it was a team with many players who could have played pro ball. He said, "Everybody loved the Rochester team. They called us the farmers."

While some towns dreaded having the Rochester team come to town, sensing utter defeat, others would offer to pay their travel expenses just to have them play in their town. The team was also referred to as the Hartleys because according to Edith Lizotte, it seemed as though at least half the team came from that large family. She said

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Tri-town Police Logs

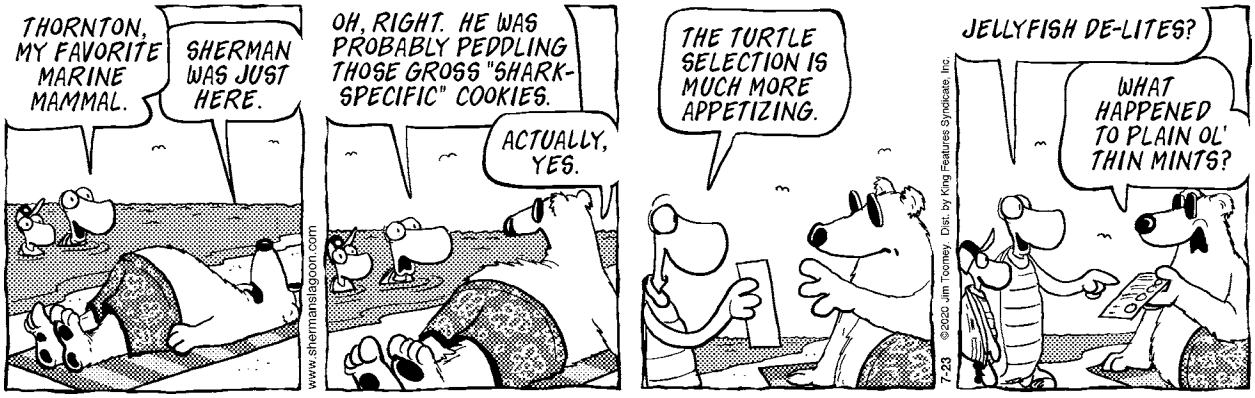
MARION
Log highlights July 12-July 18
- Pumping Station Rd – EMS/medical
- Edgewater Ln - Fraud
- Marion Harbor – Waterways
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Vandalism/past
- Route 195 West – Animal complaint
- Mill St – Paper service
- Chestnut St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Front St – Waterways complaint
- Creek Rd - Suspicious person
- Edgewater Ln – Family offense
- Hiller St – Road hazard
- Edgewater Ln – Follow up
- Mill St – Order of protection
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Village Dr – Follow up investigation
- County Rd – Animal complaint
- Point Rd - Trespassing
- Washburn Ln – Suspicious person
- Mill St – Disorderly person
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Abandoned property
- Cranberry Hwy – Gunshots reported
- Mill St – Paper service
- Wareham Rd – Shoplifting/past
- Front St – MV collision
- Converse Rd – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights July 12-July 18
- Maple Ln – Follow up investigation
- Water St – Harbormaster emergency
- Eddy Rd – 911 call
- Hitching Post Rd – Assist citizen
- County Rd – Family offense
- Pine Island Rd – Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd – Natural gas smell
- Railroad Ave – Assist other agency
- Marion Rd – Suspicious persons
- Crook's Way – Animal control
- Second St – Medical/assist
- Industrial Dr – MV lockout
- Church St – Stop sign enforcement
- Tinkham Hill Rd – Assist citizen
- Water St – Suspicious MV
- Goodspeed Isl - Complaint
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Water St – Ambulance request
- North St – MV crash
- Homestead Ct – Unwanted person
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Brandt Island Rd – Restraining order
- Neds Point Rd – Restraining order
- County Rd – Property found
- Park St – Health/welfare
- Brandt Island Shrs - Disturbance
- Marina Dr - Disturbance
- Pearl St – Suspicious persons
- Neds Point Rd – MV crash

ROCHESTER
Log highlights July 12-July 18
- High St - Medical
- Gerrish Rd – Suspicious activity
- Randall Rd – Noise complaint
- Wordell St - Medical
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Pine St - Medical
- Wordell St – Follow-up
- Dexter Ln - Investigation
- Marion Rd – MV collision
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Missing person
- Bates Rd – Missing person
- Winfield St – Panic alarm
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious item
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Hartley Rd – Follow-up
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – 911 call
- Cross Rd – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Snipatuit Rd - Medical
- Walnut Plain Rd – Well being check
- Sarah Sherman Rd – Medical
- Perrys Ln – Suspicious activity
- Stuart Rd – MV collision
- Pine St – MV collision
- Walnut Plain Rd – Missing person
- Neck Rd – Noise complaint

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



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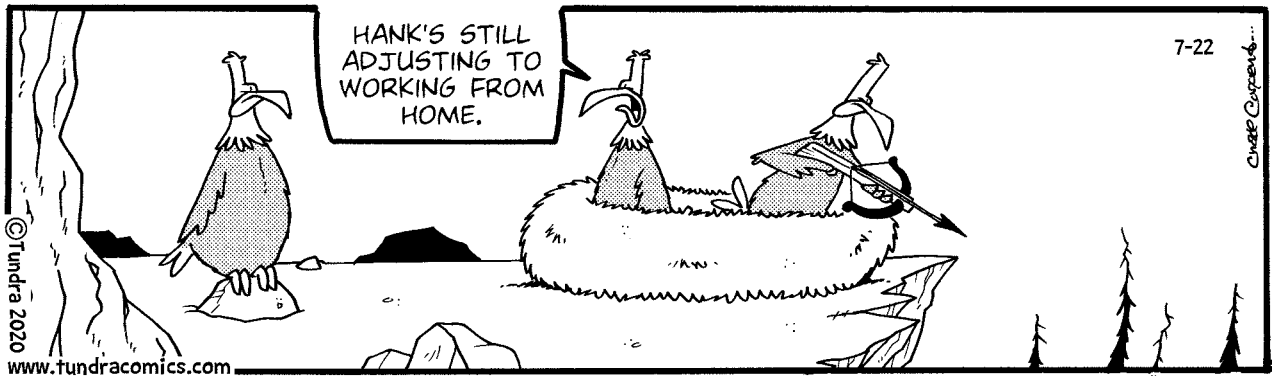

that her brother-in-law from Berkley said that "every time the Hartleys came to town, we got beat".

From the 1920s through the 1930s, the Rochester team steamrolled their opposition. The 1937 team had a record the envy of the Red Sox and in 1938 lost only one game. This success was in part due to their pitchers. Greenwood, Merton, and Edwin Hartley had pitches that confounded batters.

The 1937 team included Max Gifford, manager, Harold Reed, Edwin (Pop) Hartley, Ken Knight, Henry Cebula, George Reed, Ralph Rounseville, business manager, Bart Dunham, George Reed's father, James Knight, Robert Doane, Ernie and Oscar Ferand, Leo Lizotte, Warren Doane, Stanley Gonet, Greenwood and Merton Hartley, and the batboy, Greenwood (Sonny) Hartley, Jr.

When Leo Lizotte spoke of Pop Hartley, he said that when he pitched, "You could see it coming. You'd say I'm going to kill that thing, and then it would dip under the bat. When I met my college roommate's father who lived in Fairhaven, almost the first thing he asked me was whether I was related to Pop Hartley. I had to ask my mother and she said yes."

Town baseball was great entertainment and Lizotte, who moved to Rochester after his marriage to Edith, remembered that when he was a boy in the 1920s, his father would tell him to hurry down to Buttonwood Park and to save him a seat in the grandstand, because "Rochester was coming to town".

Even though town teams have given way to other versions, there is still baseball in Rochester, with families gathering to watch games often in Gifford Memorial Park. Raynor Gifford was quite a lefty slugger in his youth and when the land for the ballfield was donated by the Rounsevilles, he donated the building and property adjacent to the field.

So, I don't know about you, and I don't care what sports writers think, I still see baseball as the game of summer and you can still see it played on fields everywhere. Play ball!

Note: In regards to the Town of Hardwick, my source was half-right in that the actual land that had been Hardwick is under the waters of the Quabbin, but the town and its people picked up and moved to a new location, which is Hardwick today.

New Assistant Principal at Sippican School

As Superintendent of Schools for the Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union # 55, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Sean Persico will be the new Assistant Principal of Sippican Elementary School in Marion, Massachusetts this coming 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Persico will be replacing Mr. Kyle Letendre, who fulfilled a one-year appointment this past school year.

Mr. Persico has been the Assistant Principal at Donovan Elementary in Randolph Public Schools since 2019. Prior to being the Assistant Principal at Donovan Elementary, he was an Integrated Special Education Teacher in the Falmouth Public Schools since 2013.

Mr. Persico has a Master of Education in Special Education degree from American International College. In addition, he has earned a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies degree in School Administration from American International College. Mr. Persico currently lives in Marion, Massachusetts.

As an administrator, Mr. Persico is a strong educational leader, who uses an open-door policy with regard to collaborative leadership in order to support all students, families and staff. He creates a meaningful and positive climate by being a great communicator, and

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22 "Tiny Bubbles" crooner
23 Chris Evert beat her at the 1978 U.S. Open
25 "Poetry Man" singer
27 Fruit related to a 37-Down
28 Paper opinion piece
29 Michigan's Grosse —
30 "The Jerk" diector Reiner
31 Genie holder
33 "It's enough to survive on"
35 "How I wish!"
37 "Wall of Sound" record producer
41 Saturate
43 High throw
44 Word sung after "que"
45 Not messy
47 See 57-Across
48 High mount
51 Web handle
53 "The Lady Eve" director
57 With 47-Across, allots
58 "That stinks!"
59 Miners' finds
60 How oboes sound
61 Casino pair
63 Actor Mark — -Baker
66 Enter on a vehicle
68 Pack in
71 David Letterman's music director
74 "Halt!"
75 Deodorant target
77 Pueblo pot
78 Bros, e.g.
80 Jason's vengeful wife
81 E-garbage
83 Garbage
85 Irish coins
89 He played Captain Picard
93 Louisiana cooking style
94 — -Blo (fuse type)
95 Frat letter
96 H.S. math
97 "It's a possibility for me"
99 — Lingus
100 Mambo music's Tito
102 "Take Time to Know Her" singer
105 Beachward
108 Exist naturally (in)
110 Put in danger
111 Baseball card no.
112 Smoothed, as wood
114 Ltr. heads-up
116 Spill secrets
120 "Turn! Turn! Turn!" songwriter
122 1964 Beatles hit ... or what an adoring fan of any of eight celebrities in this puzzle might say?
124 Occasion
125 Margarine
126 Completed
127 Literary twist
128 Bird homes
129 Scottish loch
130 Picnic pests
131 De Mille the dancer

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1 Gig hookups
2 Pond duck
3 Arsenal stuff
4 Vend anew
5 Bull tail?
6 Casual shoe
7 Roof's edge
8 Attribute
9 Pothole fill
10 Rail station
11 Artwork displayer
12 Name-lending person
13 Versifier
14 Ike's inits.
15 Gun, slangily
16 2001 Peace Nobelist Kofi
17 Fingerprint ridge
18 Humble
24 Frolicked
26 Lebanon's capital
29 1994 Peace Nobelist Shimon
32 Whence St. Francis
34 Out of sight
36 Coming time
37 It may become a prune
38 Wash (down)
39 "Yeah, sure!"
40 Mafia title
42 Most domineering
46 Not written in any key
48 Liaison
49 Occasioned
50 CIA mind-game initiative
52 It's similar to a wapiti
54 Wheel action
55 Spongy ball brand
56 New printing
58 Grizzly rug, maybe
62 Tax pro
64 Chemical "twin"
65 Capitals' gp.
67 Soft & —
68 Globs
69 Ryan of film
70 Supplement
72 Refs' kin
73 Actor Jamie
76 City in central India
79 Green gems
82 People present
84 Of the ear
86 Pothole site
87 Cassini of couture
88 Parched
90 Havarti, e.g.
91 Really tired
92 Antiquing substance
93 Slots site
98 Aromatic shrubs of Europe
100 Strong
101 Feel a prickly sensation
103 Rationale
104 Anita of "La Dolce Vita"
105 Quaking tree
106 Actor Carell
107 Abhors
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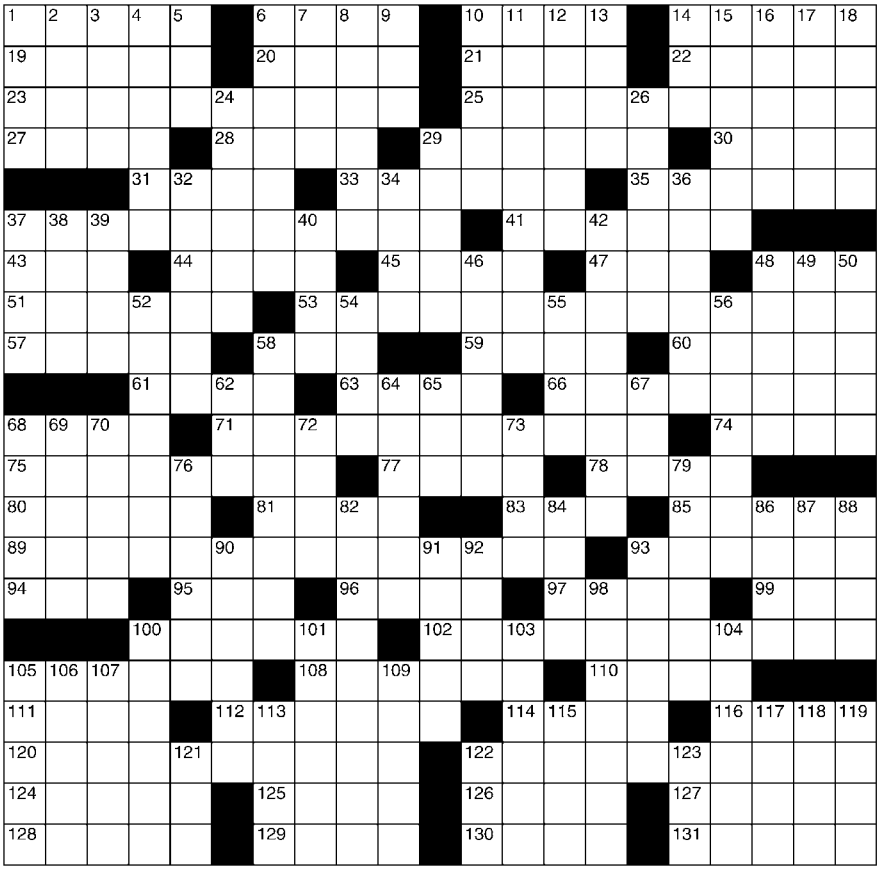

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Starting something new is always exciting for the adventurous Aries. And here's the good news: This time you might be able to get some assistance in helping you finish what you've started.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Put your daydreaming penchant on hold for now, and face the facts as they are, not as you'd like them to be. Your customary hardheaded approach to "deals," etc., is called for.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Problems beyond your control might delay some of your plans. But things should start to get back to normal by midweek. The weekend could bring an unexpected (but welcome) visitor.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a good time to buckle down and tackle those unfinished tasks so you'll be ready to take on other projects. The week's end could bring an invitation from a most surprising source.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Mixed signals could create a few stressful moments for the Lion. But by midweek, explanations should help ease the tension. The weekend is party time! Share it with someone special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good "catching up" week for finishing tasks, calling old friends and maybe reading that book you haven't opened yet or renting that movie you wanted to see again.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Money matters should be worked out, even if it takes time away from a more romantic situation. Better to settle things before feelings turn hard and angry on all sides.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A job-related problem could turn out to be less troublesome than it seemed at first. Just a few moments of talk 'twixt the parties resolves everything to everyone's satisfaction.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The Sagittarian Archer takes aim at health and fitness issues this week. Watch your diet, and try to put more exercise time into your typically busy schedule.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) As you continue to focus on a career or job change, it's a good time to look over some of your rarely used skills and see where they can fit into your future workplace plans.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A loved one's health might be worrisome, but there's good news by midweek. Expect people who share your ideas and your goals to try to contact you by the week's end.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A colleague's request that makes the typically perceptive Pisces feel uncomfortable is a request you probably will want to turn down. The weekend favors family get-togethers.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making others feel warm and wanted. Even newcomers will feel like old friends.

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a fair, and consistent leader. His experience working in a wide range of grade levels has given him a wealth of knowledge to support the diverse needs of elementary school children, and staff. He takes immense pride in his ability to build a strong sense of community. Furthermore, he operates with integrity to gain the trust and appreciation of faculty, students, and parents.

Ms. Persico is considered by his former colleagues as supportive, passionate, organized, and a great leader who always places the needs of students first. He will begin his role as Assistant Principal at Sippican Elementary School in July of 2020.

Our school community is excited to welcome him to Sippican School.

RHS Museum Opening

The Rochester Historical Society Museum at 355 County Road will open for one day, **July 26** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for a last chance to view the 2019-2020 exhibit "Notable People of Rochester: Past and Present". We will also have our Rochester clothing, hats, boxes, and books for sale. We will take checks or cash. Masks and social distancing will be required. We are imposing a limit of eight visitors at a time unless in a family group. We do hope to open with a new exhibit in the fall or spring.

Rochester Senior Center

The Rochester Senior Center has increased the distribution of food significantly, thanks to community partners and hard-working volunteers. Food for distribution is obtained through various community partners. Criteria varies by organization. If you are a Rochester resident and are in need of food, please contact the Senior Center at 508-763-8723. The staff will connect you to the appropriate resource. Food for distribution is provided by several community partners, including volunteer donations. The Rochester Senior Center would like to thank all of their partners for their generous donation of fresh produce last week. Most food is distributed by curbside pick-up at the Senior Center. Frozen protein is delivered by the Senior Center van to ensure freshness upon receipt.

The Rochester Senior Center remains closed. However, a very limited number of events may be scheduled. COVID-19 guidelines are in place for all activities and events held at the Rochester Senior Center; all participants must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth, and maintain a social distance of six feet from other attendees who do not live in their household. If you are not feeling well, or have any cold-like symptoms, please stay at home. Participants must sign a COA Waiver of Liability Agreement. At this time, activities and events held at the Rochester Senior Center are available for Rochester residents. People are asked to provide their own face-covering. The Senior Center has a limited supply, in case you forget your own. The Senior Center will sanitize areas used regularly. Sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer are available for use while visiting the Senior Center.

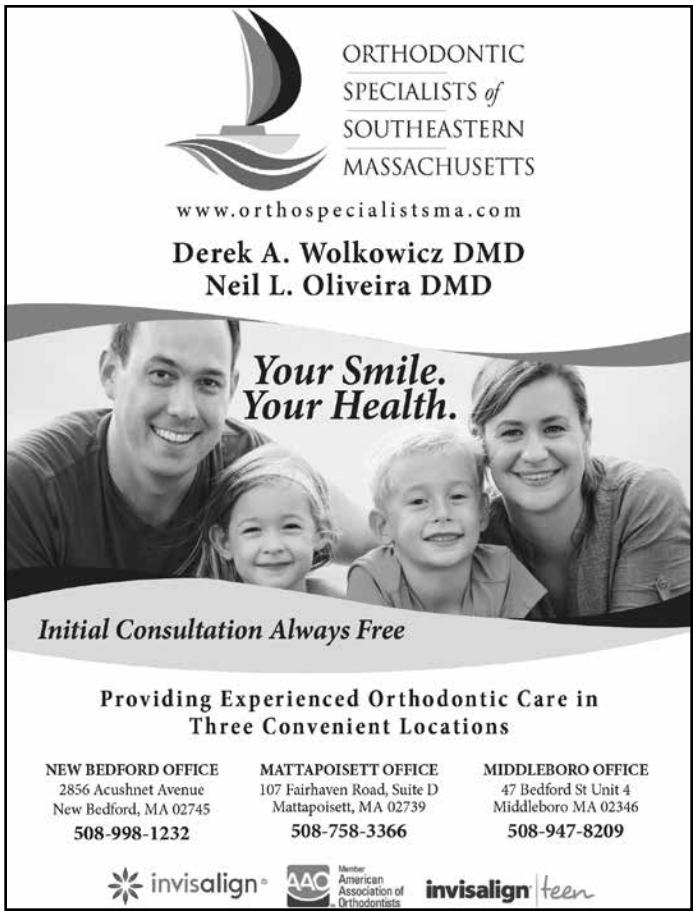
Marion Art Center

Readers' Theater at the Virtual MAC

The MAC will present a Readers' Theater virtual performance on Saturday, **July 25** at 7:00 pm. The 90-minute online program (via Zoom) will feature six short sketches from the public domain and local playwrights, introduced and performed on screen by our reading actors. See scenes or sketches from the following: *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll; *Toogoods* by Jackson Gillman and Bill Harley; *Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain; *Young at Heart* by Judith Black, *The Importance of Earnest* by Oscar Wilde; *Samuel Beckett's Chamber Pot* by Ray Veary. There will be a short break halfway through the event. To register, please visit www.marionartcenter.org/events. Registrants will receive a Zoom invitation link a few days prior to the event. Attendees must register by 2:00 pm on Saturday, **July 25** to receive a link to the event.

The MAC's Online Auction

The MAC's Online Art Auction begins Friday, **July 24** at 9:00 am and runs just one week, through Friday, **July 31** at 7:00 pm. This COVID-19-safe event will replace the MAC's traditional summer fundraiser, Cocktails by the Sea. The online auction will feature nearly 200 items including original framed artwork, handmade ceramics,



LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 10, 2020, at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall (via Zoom – please call conservation agent for instruction) on the Notice of Intent submitted by Norma Klein for 4 Indian Avenue, Assessor's Map 2, Lot 49, Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to raze an existing garage, construct a new garage and perform miscellaneous renovations and site improvements to an existing single family dwelling located within Flood Zone VE (EL 22). 7/23

TOWN OF MARION
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #778
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The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold an online public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, August 13, 2020 on the application of Patrick Fischoeder and Allison M. O'Neil for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1 A and 230-6.1 C of the bylaws to allow the construction of a single family dwelling to replace an existing non-conforming single family dwelling, which will decrease the current non-conformity but increase the building area and volume, as allowed under sections 230-7.1, 230-7.2 and 230-703 of the zoning by-law.

The property, located at 498B Point Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 2 as Lot 11E. 7/23, 7/30

TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold an online public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, August 13, 2020 on the application of Thomas C. Webster, III for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1 A and 230-6.1 C of the bylaws to allow the construction of a single family dwelling to replace an existing non-conforming single family dwelling, which will decrease the current non-conformity but increase the building area and volume, as allowed under sections 230-7.1, 230-7.2 and 230-703 of the zoning by-law.

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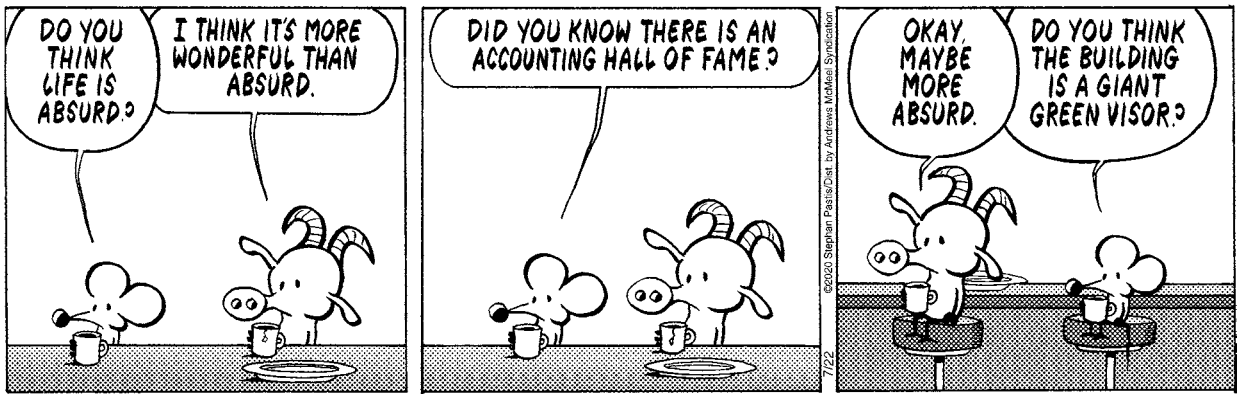

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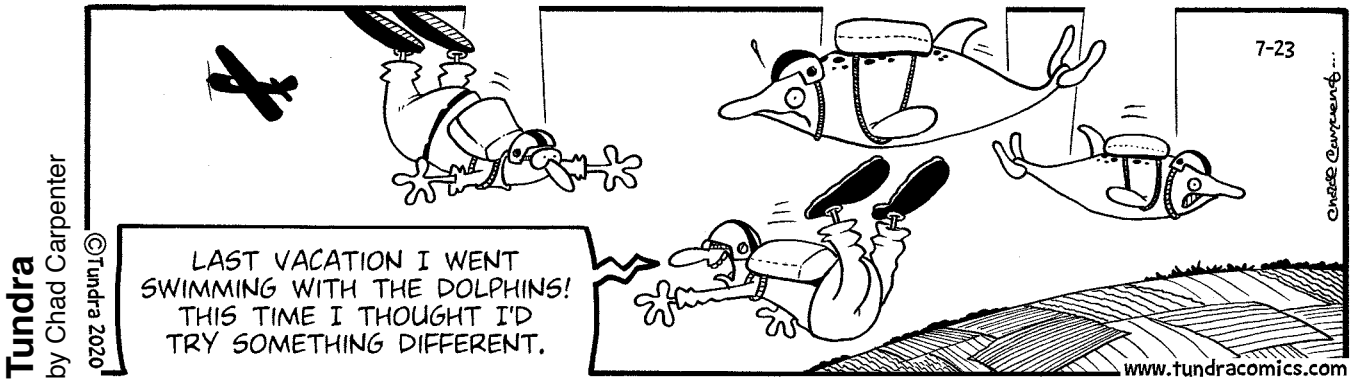
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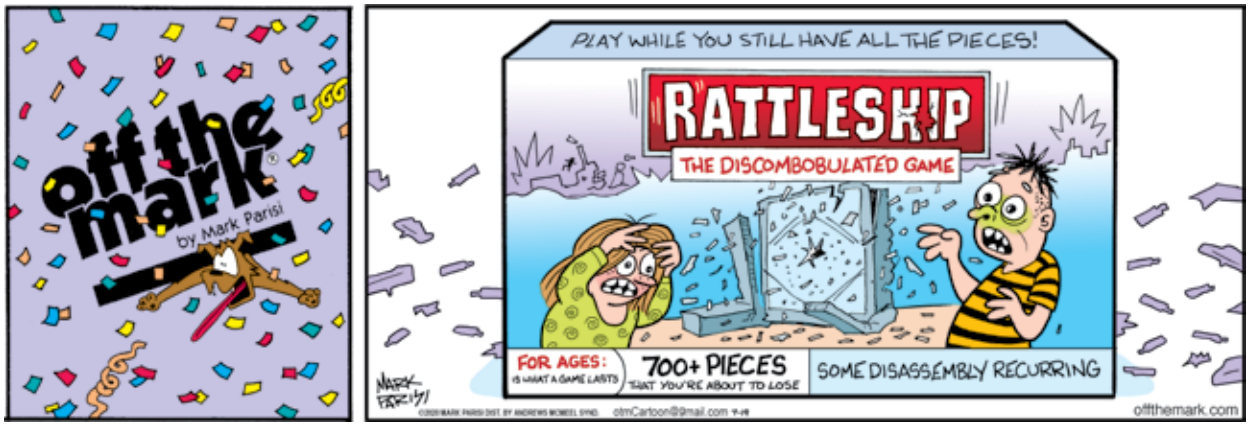
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All attendees must follow state safety guidelines including mask-wearing and social distancing. Guests should bring their own picnic blankets or chairs. Some snacks and beverages will be available for purchase on-site. No alcohol is allowed during this event scheduled on town property. Please visit marionartcenter.org for more information.

"Community Read" to Promote Social Justice

Educators and local leaders in the Tri-Town and beyond are hosting the first of several planned "Community Reads" focused on social justice. Everyone is invited to participate. Kick-off is **August 1** via a Facebook group with discussion questions unveiled weekly, followed by a moderated Zoom meeting on August 27, and an in-person event in September.

The inaugural "Read" will feature simultaneously *How to be an Anti-Racist* (Ibram Kendi)—for adults, and *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* (Kendi and Jason Reynolds)—for young adults, recommended age 12 and up. **The goal of The Read is to collaboratively learn about the ways that racism plays out in society at large, as well as in the towns where we live.** In addition, the hope is that through listening and learning from People of Color about lived experiences of racism, *all of us* will take steps to create a more equitable society—so that people of all races will be able to fulfill their potential—for the benefit of society as a whole.

Community Read co-sponsors are: Mattapoisett Museum, Mattapoisett Free Public Library, the Tri-Town Against Racism group, YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts, the Elizabeth Taber Library, and The Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester.

Background

The idea for the Community Read was born out of a desire to continue the conversation begun at local

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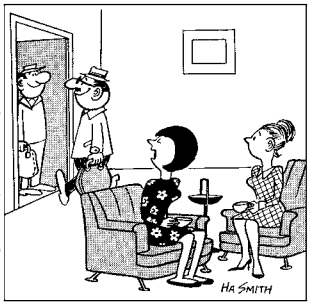

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protests over the past several months in response to the murder of George Floyd and other victims of racial injustice. More than 500 Tri-Town residents marched at the June 5 protest, sending a clear message that the community is galvanized for change. The conversation has continued publicly via a Facebook group, Tri-Town Against Racism, that is now nearly 1,000 members strong.

Mattapoisett Museum Board President and archivist at Harvard Kyle DeCicco-Carey recognized the historical significance of the June 5 protest. He had the foresight to ask for donations of protest signs and flags, and plans to archive these at the Museum for posterity. DeCiccio-Carey said, "When the March in Mattapoisett… was announced, I thought it was a great opportunity to not only show my support, but to capture the history that is taking place in the community." He adds that he would like to further the conversation about racial injustice by planning a future exhibit that will specifically feature the contributions of Black people to the town. He admits that, "…the history of Mattapoisett and the surrounding communities, as fascinating as it is, hasn't been fully told. I think people are recognizing that [racial discrimination] is all of our problem and it is not going to be solved unless we all get involved."

Newly elected Mattapoisett representative of the ORRHS School Committee Frances Kearns agrees with DeCiccio-Carey and is excited about the shift in direction toward intentionally changing the historical narrative. She would like the Community Read to "…open up a dialogue regarding the experiences of People of Color and systemic racism in this country. I am hoping that with this newfound understanding, a review of the curriculum in our schools can begin to ensure that the contribution of People of Color is accurately represented." She adds that she doesn't think we can change the curriculum to reflect a more equitable and true history without first understanding why history has always favored the dominant culture of white people.

Virtual Platform and Planned in-person Events

Interested participants are asked to borrow or purchase a copy of the book(s) and to join the new Facebook Group "Tri-Town and Beyond Community Read" on or before **August 1.** Updates and Discussion Questions will be posted here. The idea is to promote a community-wide "book-club" atmosphere that is respectful and thought-provoking. To that end, children ages 12 and up (or younger, at parents' discretion) are encouraged to participate with friends and family.

On August 27 - the "halfway point" - Committee Members will host Zoom conversations to share questions, thoughts, and ideas that arise in response to The Read. ORCTV will televise the conversations.

The Community Read will culminate with an in-person panel discussion in September, venue to be determined. All participants are welcome and social distancing will be observed. ORCTV will televise this as well.

About the books:

How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi was published last year, under critical acclaim. The book has revolutionary goals. It "…promises to become an essential book for anyone who wants to go beyond an awareness of racism to the next step of contributing to the formation of a truly just and equitable society" (website). In the introduction, Kendi says that becoming antiracist was an arduous journey that dismantled and rearranged everything he had been taught about race. The author envisions an "anti-racist world in all its imperfect beauty" that can be achieved when "we focus on power instead of people… in changing policy instead of groups of

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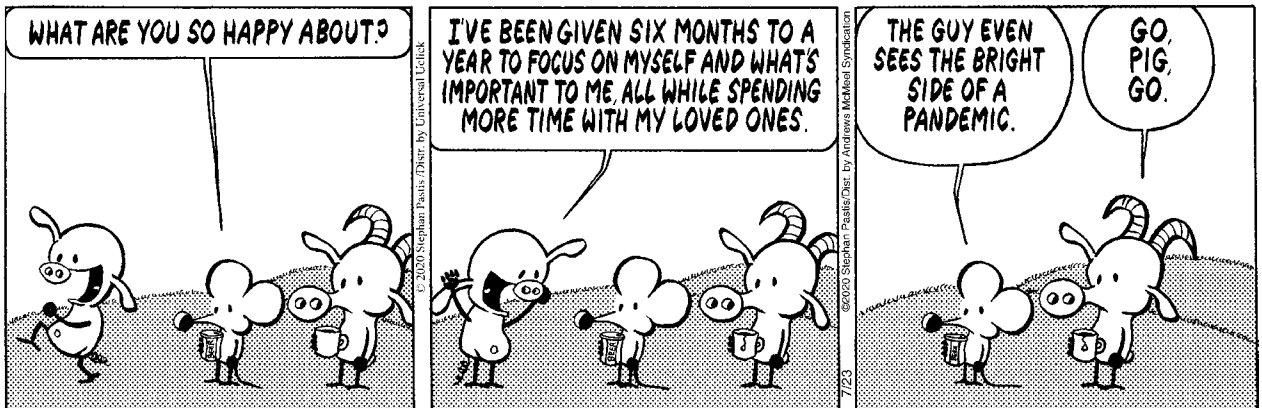

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Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You is the current "remix" of an earlier book called *Stamped from the Beginning*. It is the young adult companion to the ideas put forth in Kendi's book *How to be an Antiracist*. Though it's geared for teens and young adults, it entices readers of all ages with the dynamic writing style of Jason Reynolds. *Stamped* is a #1 *New York Times* bestseller that, according to Nic Stone the author of *Dear Martin*, discusses "The R-word: Racism… Dr. Kendi breaks it down, and Jason Reynolds makes it easy to understand."

In addition to Mr. DeCiccio-Carey, Community Read Committee Members include: Darcy Lee—Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Mattapoisett Museum, Elizabeth Sherry—Director of The Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion, Frances Kearns—ORRHS School Committee member and Corporate Quality Manager, Philips Healthcare, Gail Roberts—Director of the Joseph H. Plumb Library, Jordan Pouliot-Latham—Director of Advocacy and Resource Development at the YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts, Dr. Sarah Thomas—Associate Professor at Bridgewater State University, Stacie Hess—Instructor at Bristol Community College, and Susan Pizzolato—Library Director of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library.

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Tommy Morss	July 24
Andrew Rouille	July 25
Billy Dooley	July 25
Denise Quatrale	July 25
Faith Ball	July 25
Jean Cole	July 25
John Ferreira	July 25
Mariann Tessier	July 25
Matt Swift	July 25
Megan Harrington	July 25
Sarah Bailey	July 25
Tanner Studley	July 25
Tyler Menard	July 25
Benjamin Giumetti	July 26
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Noah Greany	July 26
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Ethan Lorenco	July 27
Nathaniel Wadsworth	July 27
Oliver Roza	July 27
Susan Drake	July 27
Aidan A. Costa	July 28
Aybree Skye Johansen	July 28
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Janice Battey	July 28
Jeannette Hubbard	July 28
Jonathan MacLean	July 28
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Calling All Rochester Residents

Whenever we at the Rochester Historical Society write an article, mount a display, or put a program we rely on the memoirs, diaries, letters, and books that were written in the past. Now that we have spent over four months with this pandemic, I wonder where the residents in 2070 or 2120 will get their information about living through the pandemic of 2020.

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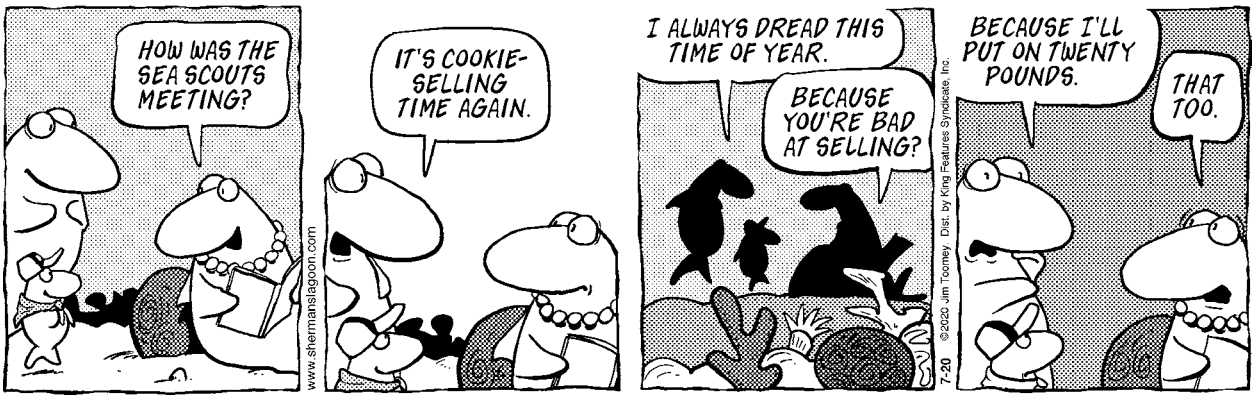

We would love to have as many people who can, to write something about how life has been over the last few months. It can be a paragraph or many pages. Maybe write about the biggest changes or fears and concerns or strategies for coping or maybe the worst and the best (if any) of living through this historic time. We're not looking for a journal (unless you want to send us one). You can email your writing to eshbach2@aol.com or mail it to: Rochester Historical Society, P.O. Box 322, Rochester, MA 02770

NBSO Concert Cancellations

Due to the state reopening guidelines and concern for everyone's health and safety, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra has decided to cancel the **August 21** and **September 12/13** concerts at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center and the **August 28** concert at Kilburn Mill Event Center.

If you hold tickets for NBSO 2019-2020 season concerts originally scheduled for March 14, April 18, April 19, May 23, or August 21, or Symphony on Tap for August 28, please contact us by **July 31** to indicate whether you would like to donate the ticket price as a tax-deductible contribution to the NBSO, exchange the tickets for a future concert, or request a refund by emailing asmith@nbsymphony.org or calling the NBSO office at 508-999-6276, ext. 222 and leaving a message. (We are working remotely, but checking voicemail daily.) Ticket holders must inform the NBSO by July 31 of their intention to exchange their tickets or request a refund of their ticket price as the ticketing software will automatically convert the ticket price to a tax-deductible donation to the NBSO after that date.

The health and safety of our audiences, musicians, and staff is our top priority, and our decision to cancel performances is to help ensure the well-being of everyone in our community. While we look forward to seeing you at a live performance, we do not know exactly when that will be possible. We are continuing with our plans for the 2020-2021 season with the understanding that changes to our schedule will likely be necessary. Our season opening concerts in September are being revamped, and further details will be forthcoming. Because of the special circumstances we are all facing, we have decided to institute a one-year grace period for 2019-2020 season subscribers to save their seats. That means that current subscribers will not lose their seat assignments if they decide not to subscribe to the 2020-2021 season.

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Real Estate Transactions

July 1-7, 2020

Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Boviard, Craig A Bovaird, Elaine D	Weller, Paul T Weller, Christopher S	2 Oliver St	Mattapoisett	07/01/2020	520,000.00
Blasenak, Gregory J Blasenak, Maria C	Calder, Edward S TR Edward S Calder RT Calder, Sarah E TR Sarah E Calder RT	46 Church St	Mattapoisett	07/01/2020	690,000.00
Zucco, Jillian	Okolita, Steve E Okolita, Anna M	37 Cranberry Way	Marion	07/01/2020	412,900.00
Mcgrail, Brian Mcgrail, Jennifer	Connet Woods LLC	13 Cole Dr	Rochester	07/02/2020	521,075.00
Parent, Christopher R	Parent, Claire E	16 Oak Ave	Marion	07/02/2020	265,000.00
Macdonald, Jason C Macdonald, Elizabeth A Robbins, David G Robbins, Linda S	Finnerty Taylor, Jill	200 Mattapoisett St	Rochester	07/02/2020	615,000.00
Almeida, Anthony J Almeida, Karen		19 Grand View Ave	Mattapoisett	07/02/2020	650,000.00
Barry, Jonathan K Barry, Kimberly W	Westley, Brandon B TR Westley, Brandon TR Westley, Eileen M TR Westley, Eileen TR Westley Holding Trust	7 Seamarsh Way	Mattapoisett	07/02/2020	1,280,000.00
Coelho, Mary Angel TR Mary Angel Coelho RT	Van Stephoudt, Theodor J	659 Front St	Marion	07/02/2020	792,000.00
Charroux, Cameron A Mchugh, Emma L	Bell, David A Bell, Dorothy A	37 Mayflower Lane	Rochester	07/06/2020	498,000.00
King, Daniel S	Barrett, Mae	15 Quelle Ln	Marion	07/06/2020	180,000.00

off the mark by Mark Parisi

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	July 23	10:46	11:03	4:21	4:19
Friday	July 24	11:37	11:56	5:00	5:09
Saturday	July 25		12:31	5:40	6:03
Sunday	July 26	12:50	1:27	6:26	7:09
Monday	July 27	1:46	2:23	7:19	8:42
Tuesday	July 28	2:44	3:21	8:21	10:18
Wednesday	July 29	3:45	4:24	9:28	11:26
Thursday	July 30	4:51	5:29	10:33	
Friday	July 31	5:55	6:29	12:21	12:02
Saturday	August 1	6:53	7:23	1:09	12:22
Sunday	August 2	7:44	8:11	1:52	1:09
Monday	August 3	8:32	8:56	2:31	1:57
Tuesday	August 4	9:17	9:39	3:04	2:43
Wednesday	August 5	10:00	10:21	3:34	3:28
Thursday	August 6	10:43	11:01	4:05	4:10
Friday	August 7	11:25	11:41	4:36	4:52
Saturday	August 8		12:07	5:10	5:34
Sunday	August 9	12:22	12:48	5:45	6:20

Phases of the Moon		
	First Quarter	July 27th
	Full Moon	August 3rd
	Last Quarter	August 11th
	New Moon	August 19th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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In the July 16, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 43!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Mingle 2. Gather; 3. ignore; 4. Outside

Today's Word

OUTGOING

Sudoku Answer

1	4	6	7	3	2	9	8	5
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3	9	5	4	6	8	2	1	7
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4	2	3	1	5	6	8	7	9
9	6	1	8	7	3	5	2	4
8	3	2	5	9	7	6	4	1
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6	5	4	3	2	1	7	9	8

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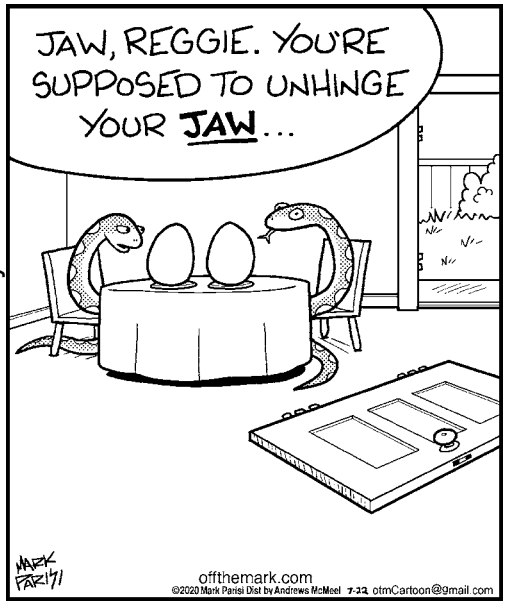

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